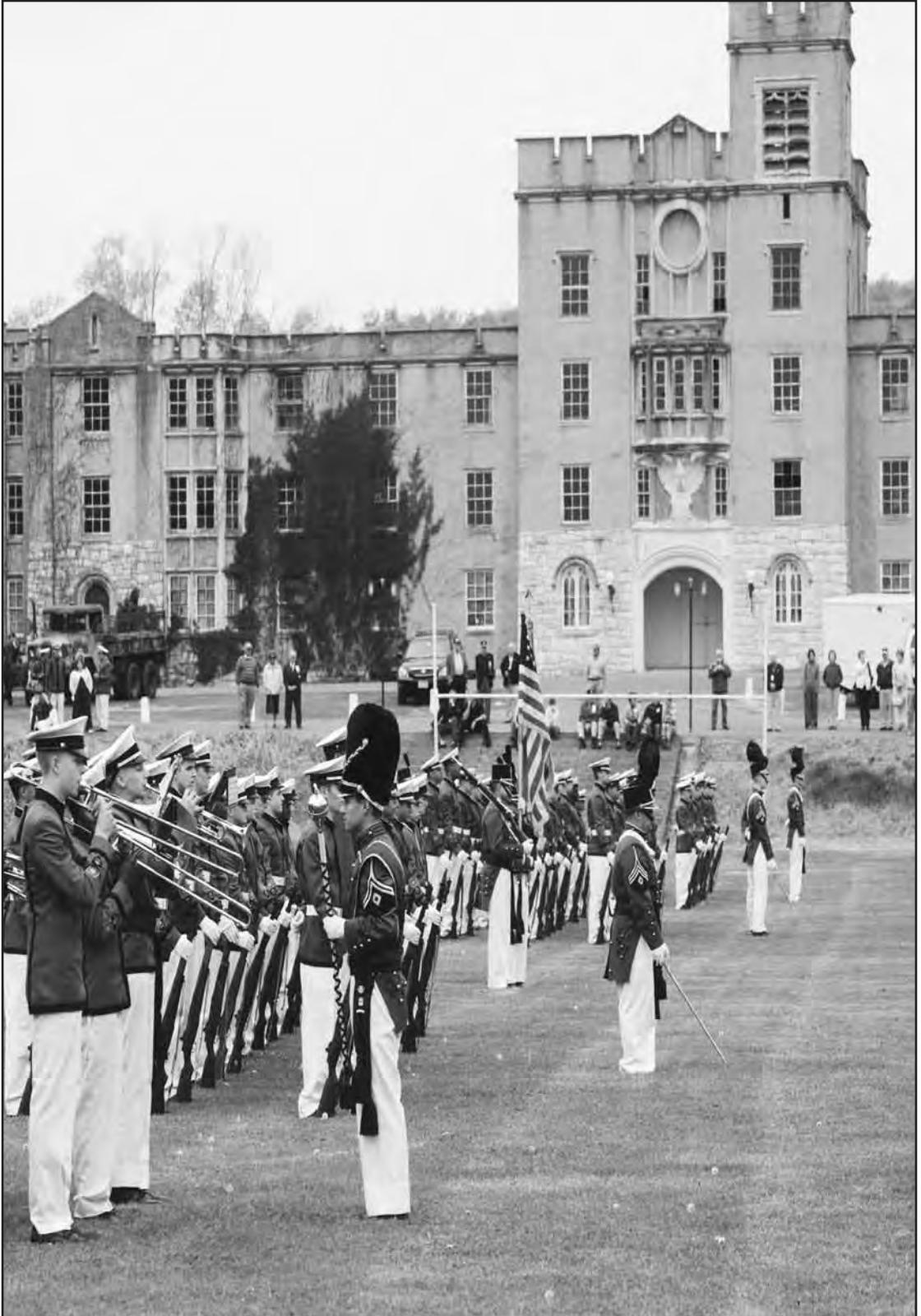




The Bayonet



Fishburne honors AMA with Fort Defiance parade

**Sergeant Joe
dies suddenly**

**40th birthday
for association**

**General Nicholson
at the reunion**

**Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.**



Dear AMA Brothers, AMA Faculty, benefactors and friends,

Yesterday, as I sat in the cool air-conditioned Miami Dade County Auditorium awaiting the start of my youngest daughter's high school graduation ceremonies, I could not help but wondering about 40 years ago to a warm June day in Fort Defiance, when over 100 of my classmates and I graduated from Augusta. As I looked into the faces of these young people who were about to graduate from my daughter's high school, I was reminded of the joy and anticipation we as young cadets also felt before our own graduation ceremony at our AMA Gymnasium. Unlike my daughter's classmates, many of us also felt a little different, maybe apprehensive and melancholy over the idea that we would soon be departing to many different places throughout our country and even abroad and perhaps we would never see each other again. The bonds we shared after experiencing life at AMA was unlike those that these young people at my daughter's school have ever experienced, nor could they ever understand. The spirit that binds us, the sons of Augusta, is unique and strong. Thru our annual AMA Family Reunions, we are able to rekindle that spirit, not just with our own classmates but also with our other brothers from the different classes. As our numbers inevitably decline each year, it is incumbent on those of us who remain to keep the torch lit and to understand our responsibility for our AMA Legacy.

If you missed the highly successful 2010 AMA Family Reunion in April, you missed one of our finest and most successful gatherings. As I have recently learned, it takes an incredible amount of planning, effort and hard work by dedicated volunteers in order to make sure we all experience an enjoyable and memorable time at our annual gathering. There were countless planning conferences and an incredible amount of effort put into the reunion. However, what we sorely lacked was a sufficient number of volunteers to assist our depleted and over taxed staff! Not only do they deserve our thanks, but also our support with tangible help. During several of our reunion programs, we asked those fortunate enough to live within a three to four hour drive to Fort Defiance to consider donating SIX (6) hours of the month to volunteering at the Museum or at our Association office. We also pointed out the financial benefit the AMA Foundation derives from volunteer hours when applying for government grants.

Please, my fellow alumni, step forward and give us a needed hand. Call Crysta Stephenson at the Museum: (540-248-3007) and tell her you are ready to help us and will donate at least six hours of your time each month. While I am at it, please keep our Museum and Foundation in mind with your financial assistance. Through the generous donations made at Reunion 2010, we were able to raise a little over 10K, which covers less than a month's worth of expenses. I am sorry to have to raise this issue once again, but unfortunately, the facts are what they are. We need EVERYONE to step up to the plate in this effort.

As I mentioned earlier, it is up to us – the remaining alumni – to accept the responsibility for and carry on the torch of our AMA Legacy. It cannot be done without each of us doing our part. I am doing my part...what about you????

With every good wish,

Jorge Rivirosa, '70

Miami, Florida

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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**1943
(NONE)**

Joe Andicko and his wife, Grace, had a trip with the National Geographic Society in February up the Amazon on the *MS Prisendam*. The Andickos live in Boynton Beach, FL.

**1947
(MIKE WELCH)**

Bobby Rhea was voted as having told the best jokes at the reunion golf tournament, so says the Golf Co-Chairman **Mickey Toms, '67**. Bobby just turned 81 years of age and according to Mickey he played a very good game.

**1948
(ERNEST CLICK)**

Ernie Click had surgery in mid-May for a complete knee replacement. He had driven his and Marge's big RV from Flagler Beach, FL to the reunion from where they had planned to motor west, but the pain got so bad that they returned home to see their doctor and surgery was his answer.

[ErnieC235@aol.com]

**1949
(FRANK SPENCER &
CLYDE RAMSEY)**

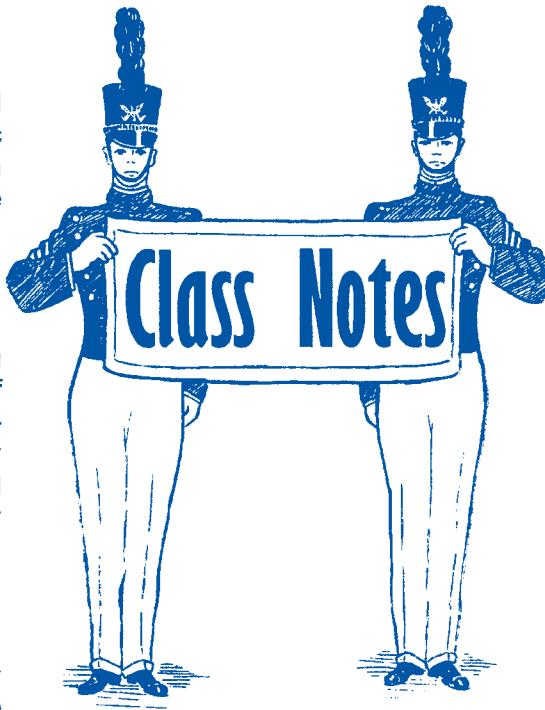
Frank Spencer and Ida were away from home for a month while they recuperated from various maladies. First, Frank had back surgery and when they were coming home from a Christmas visit with their children in Richmond, Ida had a fall which broke her ankle in three places. While she was in the hospital, Frank had chest pains which sent him there too. "Thankfully, it was only stress," says a relieved Frank. Ida and Frank both looked good at the reunion!

[frankspencer53@gmail.com]

Ambassador Jock Shirley had back surgery in early May and is recuperating at home in Connecticut.

[jockshirley@aol.com]

Chuck Pine's mother-in-law passed away and he and his granddaughter, Brittany Ward Burke, an AMA Legacy Scholarship winner, were unable to



attend the reunion where Brittany was to have received her scholarship. We were very sorry to hear of the family's loss. The scholarship award is being sent to Brittany.

Ed Chauncey gives us his new e-mail address. We missed Ed and Bobby at the reunion. [sumhill@peoplepc.com]

**1952
(JIM WHITE)**

Guillermo Herrera has been found living in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico by **Ozzie Ferro** who has been searching for him for years. "He had no idea



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sommers, '56, visit the AMA Museum from Lake Charles, LA.

about our museum or our reunions or any recent news from AMA," Ozzie says. Guillermo has now received some recent Bayonets and we hope that he will come to a reunion soon.

Roger Messick has been elected a trustee of the AMA Alumni Foundation. Roger and Jane live in Prescott, AZ.

[TR MESSUP@aol.com]

1953

(LEWIS MUNDIN)

Ozzie Ferro missed the reunion because of his wife Grecia's serious illness. Please know that you both were missed and that we are all praying for you. Ozzie was awarded an AMA Alumni Medal for his support of **General Nicholson's** Marines in Afghanistan. Ozzie's long time friend, **Manuel Balbis, '53**, accepted for him.

[ferroozzie@bellsouth.net]

Al Wattay is continuing chemo treatments through the end of June in the hope that his tumor will have shrunk and thus become operable. We all are praying that will be the case. (See story on page 59) [Dialwat@aol.com]

1955

(T. C. LEA)

F. E. Wirkus is living in Orlando.

1959

**(DAVE CONRAD, LLOYD
EASTLACK & CORKY RIDGE)**

Corky Ridge is doing well. He has a four wheel scooter and gets around easily, so say **Luke Snyder, '60**, and Anne who stopped by to see the Ridges on their way from the reunion back home to Charlotte.

1960

**(FRANK WILLIAMSON &
LUKE SNYDER)**

Ben Zinkhan, Joyce and their family are enjoying a week in Branson, MO. No one works harder for AMA than Ben and Joyce and they surely do deserve this. [bjzinkhan@aol.com]

Luke Snyder had surgery on his hand in early May and is doing well.

[lukesnyder@carolina.rr.com]



It was on his bucket list – a chance to go on board a nuclear attack submarine. Jorge Rovirosa, '70, had that experience in April and came away with an impression of the crew as *"sharp young men who made me feel good knowing they are in command."* The SSN LA class boat was built in 1984 and soon will be decommissioned.

day of June with a degree in history and a minor in Latin American Studies and European Politics and Society.

1969

(NICKY SYROPOULOS)

Dr. Larry Reed has moved from Chicago to Indianapolis where he is now the Director of Trauma Services for Clarion Methodist Hospital, the largest hospital in Indiana and the major Level I Trauma Center for the state. He also is a Professor of Surgery at Indiana University.

[reed8@indianaclinic.org]

Rex Rumley regretted so much that he could not get to the 2010 reunion: *"I have hip and leg problems which prohibit my travel."* He is into Ham



Chris Viar, '83, is staying in Temple Hills, MD to care for his 90 year old grandfather. He, his wife Jennifer and son Eleazar hope to relocate to the Pensacola area in the future. Pictured above, the family is at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.

1962

(BOB GEBEAUX & BOB RIDGEWAY)

Bill Brooks is still in the militaria business doing military sales shows in Atlanta, Nashville, Huntsville and Louisville. He sells on eBay under Recondo80 and his popular web site is: www.brooksmilitaria.com. Not only a Vietnam vet, Bill also served a tour in the French Foreign Legion.

[Bill@BrooksMilitaria.com]



Art Hurme, '61, uses the museum laptop to look up a classmate. Art lives in Alexandria.

Radio and is hoping other AMA folk are also. *"I would really like to talk with AMA alumni. I am on 40 meters most days and my call is N8RNA. If you want to schedule a time to talk, please e-mail me at the address below."*

HAM RADIO OPERATORS - ATTENTION! PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH REX!

[rex183@insight.rr.com]

1970

(HARRY CAMPBELL & BILL PARKINS)

John Hash is the civil engineer in charge of the move of TRADOC, the Training Doctrine Command, from Fort Knox, Kentucky to Fort Eustis, Virginia. John and Liz continue to live in Fort Defiance.

Jeff Jackard lives in Orlando.

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Bob Scott, '65, and his wife, Dianne, came to the museum from Binghamton, NY. Dianne remembers staying with Mrs. Roller for the 1965 Final Ball.

Don Gable works for the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Greece, an assignment he assumed this past October. He still has his house on Cudjoe Key and plans to return there when his assignment to Crete ends.

H. Baxter Hayes is a principal in the firm Cottingham, Chalk, Hayes Realtors in Charlotte, NC.

[bhayes@ccbhrealtors.com]



Anne and Jay Fox, '53, came to the reunion from Richmond with their daughter, Sarah.

1972

(LEWIE KENNELL)

Doug Pennock reported no damage to his home when an earthquake hit San Juan, PR around 1 AM on 15 May though he did say, "My Mom called to say that some of her china got smashed."

[dpennock2002@yahoo.com]

Ross Mitchell's son, Whitney, is an 88 in the 3rd Infantry who says that being in the Middle East "is like living in an ash tray." Ross and Aimee moved to Nashville about five years ago, back to his old work place moving barges from the shore.

[Ross.Mitchell@ingrambarge.com]

Mike Kidd visited Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71, after the reunion to let Scootch know how much we missed him. Mike took along a saber which Willis Walker, '71, was giving to Scootch. Mike said he loved the saber and the thought behind it. Scootch continues to improve from the stroke he suffered some time back and very much enjoyed the visit and the good wishes from his AMA friends..

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON)

Brett Thompson was an exhibitor at the Virginia Food and Beverage Expo in Richmond in March. He showed his stupendous barbecue sauce to a lot of potential buyers and hopes to have some contracts soon. [classicrider@gmail.com]

1979
(PAUL KARCH)

Mike "Sumi" Sumichrast has a small business which includes website development using an open source content management solution called Joomla!, a relatively new technology



Jim Bewley, '66, visited from his home in Fairfield, PA.



It was the first time back for John Quinn, '69. He lives in Norwich, CT.



that distributes the capability of content updates to non-technical people.

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"Tremendous support" for Stuart Hall fund

Thanks to its alumnae, parents and friends, including AMA alumni, the Stuart Hall Fund has had a 76 per cent increase in gifts and a 40 per cent increase in the number of donors over last year.

Says Stuart Hall alumna Susan Lambert Yates, "The economic crisis has energized everyone who loves our school and want it to endure for future generations." The Stuart Hall Fund provides 20 per cent of the school's revenue and now stands at \$615,000, "which is a phenomenal accomplishment."

Stuart Hall held its 167th graduation on 5 June. The 34 seniors have been offered more than two million dollars in merit-based scholarships from some of the top schools in the country

including Princeton, the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, North Carolina, the College of William and Mary and Virginia Military Institute.

Susan Yates says that there has been "tremendous support from our alums, parents, students and friends including AMA alumni. Stuart Hall is very grateful to all the AMA alums who have been so generous in their support."

Thanks to all who have lent a hand in a time of need.

This 1800's settee, shown at left, is thought to be original to the Roller-Robinson House which is now the AMA Museum. It was in the house when Maggie Belle Roller Robinson lived there. Hilton Roller Grasty, granddaughter of AMA's founder, had the settee in her Charlottesville home until her death. It was donated to the AMA Museum by Mrs. Grasty's daughter, Virginia Hallock, great-granddaughter of the school's founder.



Sergeant Joe was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with a number of AMA folk in attendance: Duke Fancher, '58, Crysta Stephenson, Doug Carter, '72, Warren Fleming, '72, Art Hurme, '61, Liz and John Hash, '75, Harry Campbell, '70, Steve Traylor, '72, Bruce Crum, '73, Blaine Clarke, '72, Ben Zinkhan, '60, Todd Livick, '81 and Goodloe Saunders, '57.



Left, the last photo of Sergeant Joe made a few weeks before the 2010 reunion. Goodloe Saunders, '57, and Ben Zinkhan, '60 had just finished erecting the tribute of the Presidents of the AMA Alumni Association. Above right, Joe and Sergeant Don Studer in 1972. From the 1972 *Recall*.

Sudden death of Sergeant Josephson

Alumni mourn passing of Sergeant Joe

Master Sergeant Sivert Carl "Joe" Josephson passed away unexpectedly on 26 March 2010 at the Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington. He was 78. He spent ten years at Augusta Military Academy as military instructor and coach of AMA's football and basketball teams for which he was inducted last year into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. After retiring fully, he came back to Fort Defiance as a key volunteer at the AMA Museum.

Joe had been at the museum on the Saturday before his death working with Ben Zinkhan, '60, to get some displays ready for the 2010 reunion. On Monday, Sergeant Joe felt ill and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. That Friday, he died of congestive heart failure.

Sergeant Joe grew up in Wisconsin and joined the Army in 1948 "because I looked up to the veterans of World War Two as real heroes." He spent most of his military career with the Green Berets but before that he was attached to the Fifth Regimental Combat Team in Korea.

In Vietnam, Joe was with SOG (CCN) whose mission was long range recon into Laos and Cambodia. Seventeen Special Forces soldiers were killed on 23 August 1968, the heaviest single incident loss in Special Forces history. Sergeant Joe was at Aro, Ha Thanh and Kham Duc, all Special Forces camps.

After leaving the Army, Joe spent a decade at AMA as the Senior Army Instructor and head football and basketball coach. His football teams won the Virginia Independent Conference (VIC) crown in two of the three years he coached in that league. Before AMA went to the VIC, Joe never had a losing season and two years his teams were undefeated.

In basketball, he coached both the Post Graduate (PG) and high school teams. The PG teams played the junior varsities of Washington and Lee, the University of Virginia, Georgetown, Virginia Tech and James Madison. In 1972, Josephson received the Saber Award, the highest award presented by the school to a faculty member. The Final Ball that year was dedicated to him.

After leaving AMA, he became Activities Director at the Boys Home in Covington and worked two years as Physical Director for the Staunton YMCA. In 1993, he became the Commandant and Athletic Director at Miller School where he stayed for 13 years. After his second retirement, he did volunteer work with the VMI basketball program and became intimately involved with our AMA Museum where he served as docent at least once a week and on many weekend days.

In 2002, he earned the AMA Alumni Medal for his tireless and dedicated work at the museum.

Master Sergeant Josephson earned two Bronze Stars for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and 19 other service medals and citations. He and his wife, Jo, have three adult children and they were foster parents to four more.

Their son, Mike, is a retired Navy Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller.



Master Sergeant Sivert "Joe" Josephson

The family suggests
contributions to the
AMA Alumni Foundation
in Sergeant Joe's memory

The 1969-70 basketball team was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame at Reunion 2010. Joe was the assistant coach under Jim Hogg and the cadets who played on that team were looking forward to seeing Sergeant Joe again. Alas, sadly, it was not to be.

A tribute to Sergeant Joe...

In ceremonies in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum on Saturday of the Reunion, **Garry Granger**, '71, spoke about Sergeant Joe. Below are excerpts:

We want to pay a special, genuine tribute to a man whose heart was so very much in this place where we gather. That brave heart stopped beating on March 26 and we continue to mourn the passing of our dear friend, Master Sergeant Sivert "Joe" Josephson or Sergeant Joe as we all knew him. Many of the things that you will enjoy here at this reunion were planned and executed by Sergeant Joe. Instead of enjoying these things in Joe's company, we mournfully remember him with tears in our hearts and in our eyes.

Sergeant Joe was at AMA for ten years as Senior Army Instructor. He was here when I was a cadet and I learned so very much from him. Dedication to duty, setting an unblemished example, striving to make us all feel that failure was not an option. That was Sergeant Joe.

A man who spent most of his military career with Special Forces – the Green Berets. He had occupation duty in Germany during the Cold War, had combat duty in Korea with the Fifth Regimental Combat Team and saw combat in Vietnam with the Fifth Special Forces unit. He earned two Bronze Stars for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and 19 other medals and citations.

While at AMA he coached basketball and football and last year was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. In 1972, he was given the Silver Saber Award, the highest honor the school could bestow on a faculty member and the Final Ball was dedicated in his honor that year.

But many of you remember him best for his loyalty to the AMA Museum over the past decade. He gave so much of himself to this place. He was at the House at least once a week and sometimes much more often. His friend, **Ben Zinkhan**, says that while he and the other volunteers helped to put the museum displays into place, it was Sergeant Joe who had the ideas and the concepts for the exhibitions.

After he left AMA, Sergeant Joe continued to work with young people, setting an example, leading from strength and charting a safe course for many young men and women which changed their lives forever, and for the good.

He and his sweet JoJo had four children and raised four foster children. What a privilege it would have been to be raised by these two loving, wonderful people. Today, we mourn the loss of Sergeant Joe and we dedicate this reunion to his memory. He touched so many lives and we will keep him in our hearts forever.

The AMA alumni newsletter in December of 1970 hailed the reinvigoration of the dormant alumni association. It reported that Parker Ward, '54, had been elected its first president but sadly also reported on the plane crash which took his life just five months after he took office.

From 1970, the photo shows George Holt, '60, Parker, Parker, Jr. and Dave Conrad, '59, at a May 1970 Dress Parade.



The 1970 newsletter said, "Long quiet and voiceless, the AMA Alumni Association has been gearing up for full operation since a reunion at the Academy last May. During a dinner at Ingleside, the alumni took the gavel in their own hands and decided they would form the nucleus of a new and operative association."

At that time, no one could foresee the tragedy that would befall the association that Autumn. Nor could anyone vaguely imagine what obstacles lay ahead. Nor would anyone have dreamed that we could have gotten so far. Finally, no one dared think that the school we loved so well would close forever just thirteen years after the association was formed.

The 1970 newsletter carried the preface from a report of the entity which evaluates Virginia secondary schools: "Over a century ago, one man, **Charles S. Roller**, had a dream of what a group of mature men with experience and dedication could accomplish working with the minds and souls of young boys. His dream and personality are still very much alive in the hearts and lives of the people who are part of the community known as Augusta Military Academy. There is a magic about the place which could only have come from a higher source which gives impetus and satisfaction to each day's responsibilities. Young boys need love and concern, especially at this time of their life. This is the spirit of AMA."

Parker Ward, Jr. and his mother, Mary Plyde Bell, attended the 40th anniversary commemoration during Reunion 2010. At right, Parker, Jr. examines an exhibit at the AMA Museum honoring the 18 men who have served as President of the AMA Alumni Association. The large photo on the table top is Parker, Senior's senior picture.

40 years ago



AMA Alumni Association is 40 years old

Forty years ago in 1970, the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association was born at an *Ad Astra* Reunion held on the AMA campus and at the Ingleside Hotel. All that we have today from our beautiful museum to the 2010 reunion was made possible by the foresight of some dedicated people four decades ago.

At Reunion 2010 in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum, the day was marked by an address by Alumni Association Former President **Garry Granger**, '71, shown at right, in the company of some who were at that meeting four decades ago and others who have led the association since. The transcript of his remarks follow:

The association had its official beginning with the strong encouragement of **Colonel Mai** and **Linda Livick**, **Colonel Sam Wales** and **Doc Savedge**. Looking back, one has to wonder why it took so long. Why didn't we get a strong alumni association going many years earlier? There was an alumni association in name only when **General Roller** was alive. The front door at the South end of Big Barracks was designated as the entrance to alumni quarters and inside there was a double decker cadet bed, a table, a chair and little else.

But there were no reunions. There was no newsletter or other form of communication between alumni or between alumni and the school. Seeing the need for such, the loyal Sons of Augusta set out to create an active association in 1970.

The organization came together in May of 1970 during an *Ad Astra* reunion here on the campus. It was my junior year and I remember well the excitement about our new AMA Alumni Association.

The first task was to locate our alumni. The addresses of many had been lost and sadly many are still unknown 40 years later. In the age before computers, alumni names and addresses were kept on three by five cards. Changes of address were difficult to enter and cards were an unwieldy way to create an accurate mailing list.

A group of alumni led by **Parker Ward**, '54, **Mickey Gordon**, '39, **Tomme Gamewell**, '54, **Dave Conrad**, '59, **Frank Suter**, '54, **Duke Fancher**, '58, and others set out to change things. Hopes were high over the summer of 1970 as plans were made for an alumni reunion and a

newsletter was being contemplated. I remember vividly a parade honoring the new alumni association in May at the end of our school year. But the autumn of our founding year was shaken by terrible news from West Virginia. Parker Ward from the Class of 1954 had been elected the first President of the Alumni Association and Mickey Gordon from 1939 was named Vice President. As the leaves began to turn in the Fall of 1970, football was in the air. No one was a bigger fan of Marshall University's football team than Parker Ward. Such a great supporter was he that he was invited to fly with the Marshall team to a game with East Carolina.

You know the rest of that sad story. On 14 November returning to Huntington from the game the charter flight crashed into a mountain and all 75 people on board were killed. A terrible tragedy. Heartaches for many families who lost loved ones. And Augusta mourned its beloved and honored son.

We are so honored to have with us today Parker's wife and **Parker Ward, Jr. Mary Plyde Bell** and Parker, we welcome you on this glorious yet melancholy anniversary. (*Applause*)

By 1974, the alumni association had raised the money for a new infirmary, a 50 thousand dollar undertaking. **V. P. Leavel**, '39, arranged for the infirmary design. **Bill Ditto**, '41 donated the insulation. **Brooke Montague**, '41, contributed and installed the drapes for the new infirmary. **Corky Ridge**, '59, gave the flooring and rugs.

The new infirmary opened for business in class year 1974-75, the AMA Alumni Association's first tangible accomplishment. The association donated books to the library and financed scaffolding from which **Mrs. Josephson** could make movies of our football games coached by her husband, **Sergeant Joe. Paul Long**, '51, donated a bus and through **Phil Bradley**, '50's association with Trailways. We got a newly reconditioned vehicle bus for five thousand dollars!

About a quarter of the rooms in Big Barracks were remodeled, again lead by **V. P. Leavel** who sponsored the first room update. Phil Bradley spent his vacation painting in near one hundred degree heat. **Howard Carter**, '53, volunteered his time for all these projects here on the campus.



The association gave a three thousand dollar VCR for cadet movies and a large screen television set and alumni volunteered for secretarial duties.

After the Marshall University plane crash, Vice President Mickey Gordon from the Class of 1939 became the President, the second of eighteen Augusta men – including me – to hold that office. I would now like to recognize the other living ex-Presidents of the AMA Alumni Association, many of whom are here today:

Duke Fancher, '58

Dave Conrad, '59

Ed Click, '50

Tommy Simmons, '53

Goodloe Saunders, '57

our current president Jorge Rovirosa, '70 and me from the Class of 1971. (Applause)

I would also like to name our AMA brothers who masterfully led the alumni association but who have passed on:

Seymore Wilks, '48

V. P. Leavel, '39

Paul Long, '51

Ronnie Mahanes, '53

Stephen Rodgers, '57

Bill Gray, '37

Richard Llewellyn, '58

Gary Nicholson, '70

(Applause)

We owe these fellows a lot. For two score years, they overcame the disbelievers, undertook the impossible and accomplished the unimaginable.

To them and to all the volunteers who have served so selflessly, to all who have given their valuable time, talent and treasure to keep the dream alive, to each of you here today which is manifest proof of your loyalty to our little school, To all of you, thank you for believing. Thank you for your support for these past four decades.

I have to agree with Colonel Livick who once said that if we had an alumni association in 1984 as vibrant as what we have today, Augusta might still be in operation and it would be AMA cadets proudly marching on our Parade Ground later this afternoon.

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Phil Bentley, '83, is new Scholarship Chairman

It's a rags to riches to rags story.

Phil Bentley, '83, returned to school in the Fall of 1982 as First Captain and Battalion Commander but got into some trouble and was busted back to the ranks. A Busted Aristocrat they would have called him back in the 1930's.

But Phil persisted and with the encouragement of Tim Mannasmith, his tennis coach and economics teacher, he got his diploma in the last class to graduate from Augusta. When he went to community college in Hershey, PA, his home town, he was on the Dean's List every semester.

Now, Phil has agreed to become Chairman of the Scholarship Committee with the responsibility of handling AMA Legacy Scholarship applications and presenting the winning students with their scholarships at reunion time.

Phil is Materials Management Systems Associate for Pyxis Supply at Penn State's Milton Hershey Medical Center in Hershey. He served a tour in the Army, went to Fort Benning for boot camp and airborne school, then to



BRUCE'S BRUNCH - Each reunion Sunday, Bruce and Tom Hemp host a breakfast at their house. In 2002 for the Stuart Hall Class Reunion for Bruce's Class of '72, Lewie Kennett, '72, Bill Scarborough, '69, and Mark Femrite, '71, cooked at a dinner party for her classmates and to reciprocate, Bruce told them she would have a breakfast for Lewie's 30th reunion a few weeks later. Lewie, Blaine Clarke, Reed Nettles, Doug Pennock and a few more came. Bruce later rode up to York, PA to meet with Tim Cooper, '72, Rick Smail, '67, Tom Forrer, '67, Gordon Metz, '68 and others and thereafter invited the Roller Riders to have breakfast at her house before each post reunion trip. Pictured above are the attendees at this year's omelette making marathon by AMA friend Bruce Hemp.

Fort Stewart and an assignment in Germany with the 56th Field Artillery Command (Pershing Missiles). He was part of a TDY team that loaded the new Humvees onto the rail head for his unit.

Phil worked as a part time deputy sheriff maintaining court-room decorum and also doing prisoner transport. Later, he was a supervisor at UPS before he joined the team at the Hershey Medical Center.

For nearly 14 years, Phil has worked part time at a local veterinary clinic where he met his Tammy. He and Tammy were married in 2000 because, Tammy says, "It will be easy to remember how long we have been married."

He rides his motorcycle doing "track" days with his sport bike, a Yamaha R1 and participates in IDPA shooting matches. He was on the AMA rifle team and says that Don Studer "was one great coach." The team was undefeated and Phil was the high shooter for the Virginia State Championship.

Contact Phil at: pbentley@hmc.psu.edu.



Phil Bentley, '83



2010 AMA Sports Hall of Fame



Top, left, Billy Parkins, '70, is welcomed to the Hall of Fame by Frank Williamson, Rick Smail, '67, Manuel Balbis, '53, and Jorge Rovirosa, '70. Top, right, Frank inducts Earl Cabaniss, '43. Left, center, the boys from the 1969-70 basketball team: Dan Rapp, Baxter Hayes, Raymond Snapp, Jerry Collincini and Scott Travers. Right, above, Mal Livick, Jr., '75, is inducted by Garry Granger, '71. Bottom, left, Garry with new inductee Tom DelValle, '73. Bottom, right, Bill McVey, 60, accepts for his classmate Bud Allison who was not able to be present.

Five men and a team enter Sports Hall of Fame

A football player who pioneered the soccer-style kick. A 13 letter man who captained both the baseball and basketball teams for two years. A rifleman who shot top scores. An outstanding basketball player. AMA's most loyal fan. And a basketball team that made Augustans proud.

These five men and the 1969-70 AMA basketball team were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in the AMA Gymnasium during this year's reunion. This is the third year for the Hall to which some 125 former cadets, coaches and sports writers/broadcasters have been nominated.

Inducted this year were:

Bud Allison, '60, who began kicking extra points and field goals soccer style before he came to AMA. By the time he had left Augusta, that style of kicking was adopted by football teams at all levels, scholastic and professional.

Earl Cabaniss, '43, earned eleven letters in his time at AMA where he was twice captain of the baseball team and twice captain of the basketball team. He also earned letters in football and boxing.

Tom DelValle, '73, was captain of the AMA Rifle Team in 1972 and fired a prone score of 100 3X during the annual

VIC League match at VMI in Lexington. He was a member of the five man team that won the Texas A&M postal match. **Mal Livick, Jr.**, '75, played basketball as a high school junior and senior with the PG team. In the 1975 tournament, he sunk a basket at the buzzer which gave AMA the championship.

Bill Parkins, '70, was AMA's number one booster. He managed several AMA teams and lent his limitless enthusiasm to every athletic event. After AMA closed, he became VMI's number one fan.

The 1969-70 basketball team was in the opinion of many one of the best teams ever to play on AMA's hardwood. They beat Fork Union and Hargrave to win the Virginia Military School League title.

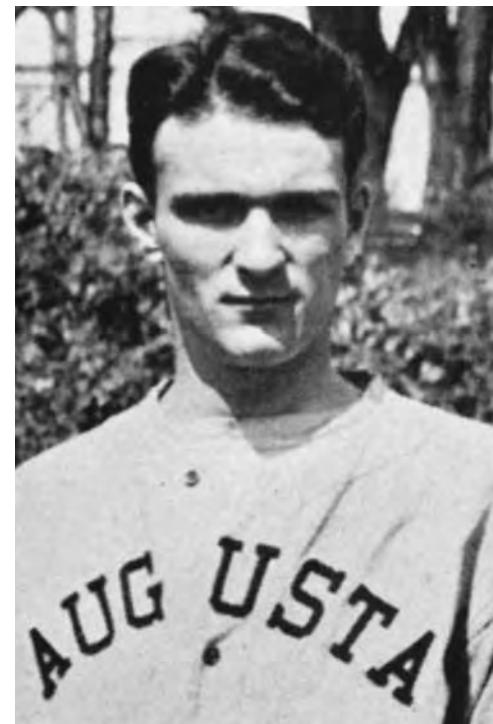
Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '70, and **Garry Granger**, '71, inducted the newest members of the Hall. Judges were **Doug Carter**, '72, **Ed Click**, '50, **Cecil DePriest**, '43, the late **Sergeant Joe Josephson**, **Colonel Mal Livick**, **Chris Meek**, '84, **Julian Quarles**, '35, **Bobby Rhea**, '47, **Nick Syropoulos**, '69, **Brett Thompson**, '75, and **Frank Williamson**, 60.





Earl Cabaniss, '43, earned eleven letters in four sports

Our next inductee earned eleven letters in his five years at AMA.



Earl Cabaniss from the Class of 1943 also was the first and we think only Captain of Headquarters Company to also be the First Captain – the Battalion Commander.



Earl was President of the Student Body and on the Honor Committee.

And he still had time and energy left to win eleven monograms.

Earl lettered all five years in baseball and was the captain of the baseball team for two years.

He lettered in basketball for three years and was captain of the basketball team for two years.

He lettered in football two years and won a monogram for boxing one year.

Eleven AMA letters in all!

On the baseball team... Earl played every position. He even caught one game and pitched two innings against the Washington and Lee freshmen during his last game as an AMA cadet.

Earl says he thinks the coach let him pitch in that one game so that he could say that he had played every position on the team.

We welcome Earl Cabaniss from the Class of 1943.





Bud Allison, '60, was pioneer of the soccer style football kick

Frank Williamson, '60, had the honor of inducting into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame a classmate with whom he played football at AMA.



From a 1958 newspaper comes this picture of Bud Allison demonstrating the "unorthodox placekick he uses in his football conversion and field goal attempts." A year later, Bud enrolled at Augusta.

He is Harold 'Bud" Allison from the AMA Class of 1960.



How many times in the past half century have you seen a pro, college or even a high school player make a straight-on kick for a field goal or extra point?

They universally use the soccer kick which were called "sidewinders" in the early days. You would have to go back to 1958 to Alleghany High School in Cumberland, Maryland where Bud Allison pioneered this kicking style.

Bud had played soccer at another school but Alleghany didn't have a soccer team So, he went out for football and began kicking soccer style. And the rest is history.

By the time he had finished his senior year at AMA, Bud's soccer style kicking was picked up by more and more schools.

Coach Bill Ralph said Bud also was a great half-back who had really fast feet. The opposition never knew if he was going to quick kick or take off running.

Bud set many military school marks in his career kicking a record 47 yard field goal against Rock Hill Academy. We welcome Bud Allison from the Class of 1960 into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.





Bill Parkins, '70, was AMA's and is VMI's biggest booster

Bill Parkins has been a very integral part of AMA since the day he was born.



He started in the first grade and was at AMA for twelve years.



His father, **Colonel Will Parkins**, was the Post Adjutant and Bill began to take classes at AMA at age six when Augusta still had a first grade.

Known as "Slip", Bill loved all sports and he does so to this day.

He played on several AMA teams during his time as a cadet but he is best known as AMA's greatest booster.

No one has ever had more school spirit than Bill Parkins nor has anyone ever been more loyal to AMA and AMA's athletic teams than Bill Parkins.

When our school sadly closed, Bill switched his allegiance to VMI and has become one of the Institute's most loyal fans.

Actually, VMI has publicly recognized Bill as the Keydet's number one fan!

Bill Parkins' loyalty to Augusta Military Academy and Virginia Military Institute has not been exceeded by any other.

His Dad would be so proud of him!

We are honored to induct Bill Parkins from the Class of 1970 into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.





Mal Livick, Jr., '75, set the hardwood ablaze!

Mal Livick, Junior, '75 got his height and his basketball skills from his Dad, **Colonel Mal Livick**.



On the AMA gym floor, Mal, Junior from the Class of 1975 started playing basketball in the 8th grade under his coach **Sergeant Joe Josephson**.

He played on the PG team for four years coached by **Jim Hogg** and started a few games his rat year.

Mal's junior year was the last year of the Virginia Military League.

AMA beat Hargrave handily then topped SMA by six points before losing in the finals to Fork Union by three.

Even though AMA did not win the championship, Mal was voted MVP having scored more than 20 points in each game.

His senior year, Augusta lost but two games: Madison and Massanutten away but got their revenge by beating both schools here in our gym.

In every game... Mal was the star. A six foot three forward, he dominated play at both ends of the court.

He also played football, lacrosse and tennis but it was basketball where he soared.

We welcome to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame... from the Class of 1975... Mal Livick, Jr.





1969-70 basketball team the best ever to play in the VMSL

For the first time... a team is being inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.



Colonel Livick says the 1969-70 basketball team was the best team to ever play in the Virginia Military Schools League (VMSL).

Coached by **Jim Hogg** with **Sergeant Joe Josephson** as assistant coach, they were number one in the regular VMSL

season which earned them a bye in the league tournament.

The 1969-70 team went on to beat Fork Union 49-44, then Hargrave 78-77 in the final seconds with a shot by Roy Stauffer to give Augusta the championship.

In regular season play, our Blue Streaks had lost to SMA in a game played in Fort Defiance but when we went to SMA for a rematch Augusta prevailed 113 to 105. The entire Cadet Corps was outside the front gate to welcome the team bus back to campus that evening.

The members of the team were **Roy Stauffer, Dan Caldarelli, Jerry Collincini, Jim Groate, Baxter Hayes, Fred Laphish, Ray Snapp, Wayne McGowan, Doug McMullan and Dan Rapp**.

The managers were **Scott Travers** and **Cesar Prieto**.

How proud Sergeant Joe would have been to stand with these fellows as they were inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame!





Tom DelValle, '73, a shooting star on the rifle team!

Sergeant Don Studer said of Tom DelValle that Tom was extremely coachable.

Don said Tom had a work ethic which made him a shining example for the rifle team.



The front sight fell off of Tom's rifle in the State Match at VMI, a tragedy that would have shaken the confidence of another shooter.

Tom still went on the finish in the top five!

Tom's best firing position was prone and he showed how good he was when he shot a 100 3X in the Texas A&M Postal Match.

100 3X meant that on ten bulls, he hit a small dot ten times: this, from 50 feet.

On three of the bulls, he completely eliminated the dot.

On a side note, from fifty feet one cannot even see the dot you are aiming for!

When Tom was at AMA, the standard rifle team was composed of eight members and he always finished his shooting day in the top five.

Not only was he the best prone shooter but his scores in standing and kneeling were also among the very best.

A straight shooter that any coach would love to have on his team. That would be Tom DelValle from the Class of 1973.





You are needed!

With the recent sudden death of our dear Sergeant Joe, we are terribly short-handed at our fantastic museum. We thank Doug Carter, '72, for agreeing to cover some of Sergeant Joe's volunteer days but we need to have more of you step up to the plate.

AND WHAT ARE WE ASKING FROM YOU? JUST SIX HOURS A MONTH

Yes, just six hours out of the 720 hours in a month.

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You'll have the opportunity of meeting AMA alumni back to visit our campus. Just ask anyone who has volunteered and they will tell you how enjoyable it is!

Please consider this plea. We do need you.

In order to keep the highway signs up on I-81 and Route 11, the museum must be open six hours a day six days a week.

And every hour you volunteer is worth more than \$20 to us in matching grants. We have had volunteers come all the way from Texas, California, Florida and Puerto Rico to take their turn.

How about you? How about volunteering for one day a month?

Call Crysta at 540/248-3007. Thank you!

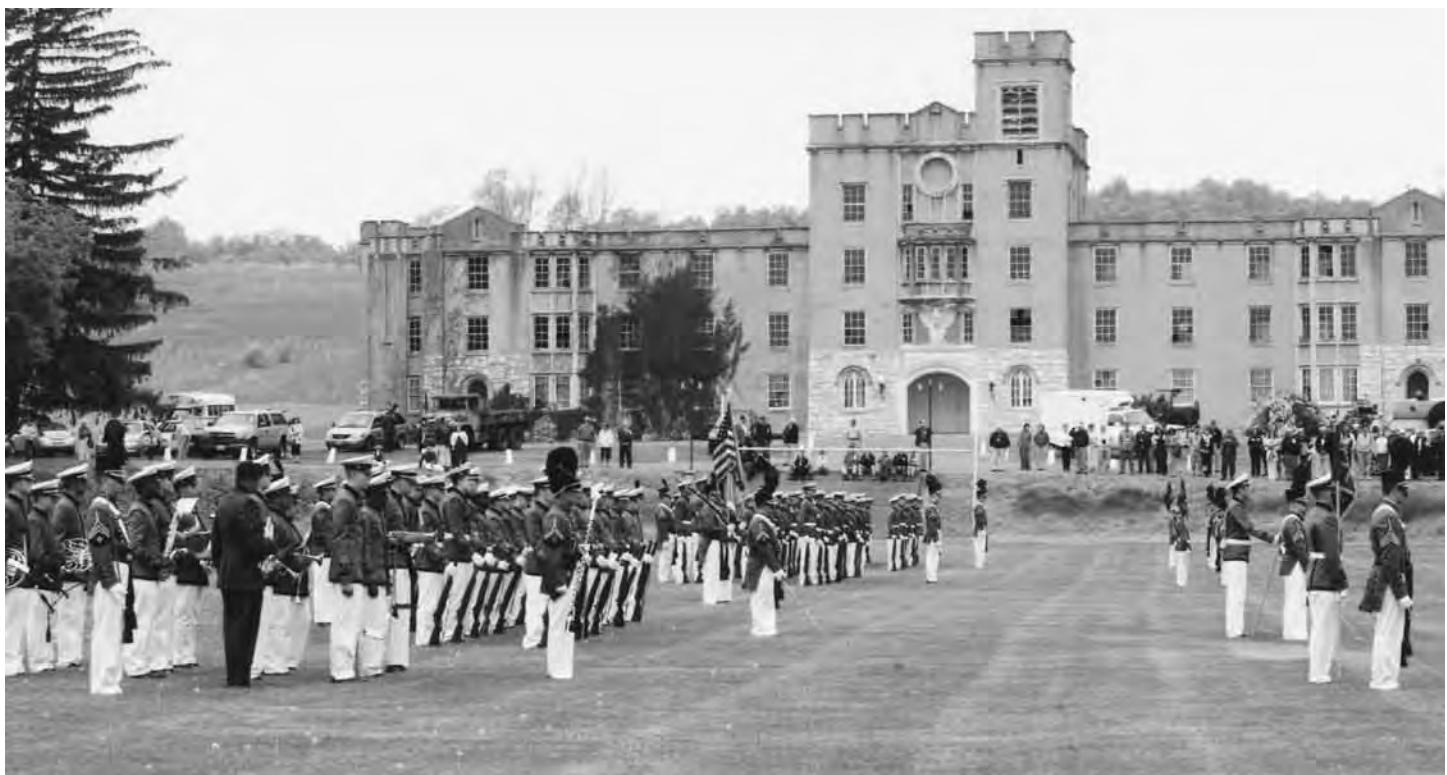


Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Fishburne honors her old rival with a Formal Dress Parade in Fort Defiance



The Corps of Cadets from Fishburne Military School traveled to the AMA campus on the Saturday of reunion weekend to put on a Formal Dress Parade in honor of Augusta.

The two schools, keen rivals in athletics for many years, have recently found more and more ways to be mutually supportive. FMS even has a scholarship program for the descendants of AMA alumni.

Bud Oakey, '70, was the moving force behind the beautifully executed event. FMS alumnus **John Maragon** and FMS President **Colonel Rick Zinser** worked together to get the FMS Corps of Cadets transported to Fort Defiance.

AMA Alumni President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, called the parade "a monumental event where our old adversary paid homage to all that Augusta stood for."



Right, taking the review are AMA Foundation Chair Frank Williamson, '60, Fishburne's John Maragon and Alumni President Jorge Rovirosa, '70.



Tom DeValle gets Presidential Eagle



Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Following the tradition of his predecessor, AMA Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, presented to Tom DeValle, '73, the Presidential Eagle for his devotion to an AMA brother who had an accident just after Reunion 2009.

Garry Granger, '71, was President of the Alumni Association for eight years and began the practice of presenting an eagle to some special person at each reunion. Granger paid for the eagle and he alone chose the recipient.

Rovirosa is following the same procedure and as fate would have it, it was Granger who had the accident and DeValle who stayed at his side until they could fly back to Dallas.

DeValle, Senior Vice President of American Airlines, has donated tickets for each reunion Silent Auction. He was one of the principal motivators for the new Roller Rifles and recently ferried a plane to Afghanistan to deliver items for General Nicholson's Marines as well as for the AMA Afghan Kids program.

But Rovirosa explained that the

Becky Granger plans to create AMA cookbook

Becky (Mrs. Garry, '71) Granger has volunteered to create a cookbook with recipes from AMA men and women and AMA friends. It is planned as a fund raiser.

Her plans are to solicit recipes in the *Bayonet* and on line and to have the recipe book available for sale by the time of the reunion in 2011.

Be thinking about your favorite recipe or your Mother's. (Go to page 56 for more details) Recipes must be received no later than 31 October 2010.

Join in this effort to create a cook book filled with memories for many years to come.

Thank you, Becky, for taking the lead on this!

"icing on the cake is how he responded when one of his AMA brothers was in trouble. Last year after the reunion, the Roller Riders embarked on their annual trek when one of the riders went down. It was Garry whose bike had hit a wet spot on the road sending him crashing onto the pavement of a West Virginia highway."

Granger broke his shoulder, his clavicle and several ribs and was terribly bruised. Tom accompanied Garry to a hospital in Fairmont (ironically, Tom's boyhood home) and when Tom decided the hospital was not able to do what Garry needed, he arranged for his transfer to a trauma center in Morgantown.

He arranged for Garry's wife, Becky, to fly out from Dallas, then stayed with the Grangers accompanying them back home the following week. In doing so, Tom forfeited the rest of his trip to be with his friend.

Rovirosa said he hoped DeValle would find a place *"for this American Eagle,"* a little play on words describing an American Airlines subsidiary.

Rick Smail, '67, who was on the Roller Rider trip, also spoke and warmly commended Tom for his duty to his friend.

Class of 1960 plans \$50,000 contribution



Photo by Ruth Rosenthal

The Class of 1960, celebrating its 50th anniversary at Reunion 2010, announced that it plans to raise some \$50,000 to fund future scholarships using the interest earned on whatever amount is available at any given time.

Class member **Bill McVey**, above, made the announcement at the Friday Awards Banquet and said that the class already had raised \$7,500 toward the goal.

Classmate **Frank Williamson**, who is Chairman of the Foundation, said, *"We hope our class not only will raise this much needed money quickly but we would like to think that other AMA classes will follow our lead. We believe that funding new scholarships is the best way to protect our legacy."*

Every time we get a chance we have to remind you that we very much need volunteers at the Museum. **AND ALL WE ARE ASKING IS SIX HOURS A MONTH!** One 10 AM to 4 PM shift one time a month. Do you live within two hours of AMA? If so, please give us just six hours a month.



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Campus walk dedicated to WWII hero, Augusta supporter Julian Quarles, '35

The walkway leading to the AMA Alumni House/Museum was dedicated to **Julian Quarles, '35**, at the 2010 reunion. Quarles, a much decorated soldier in World War II, graduated from AMA 75 years ago and has devoted his life to service.

He attended the University of Virginia and received his law degree from the University of Miami. Quarles was a CIT attorney for 44 years. In the war, he twice received a Silver Star for valor in the Italian Campaign. Captured with his company commander by German troops, both of them escaped from a prison train headed for Nazi Germany, then spent a month avoiding German troops by hiding in the barns of friendly Italian citizens eventually making their way back to the American lines. Their experience was documented in a *Look* magazine article.

Quarles said he never dreamed that anything at AMA would be named for him *"but if there had been, it wouldn't be because of the good things I did."*

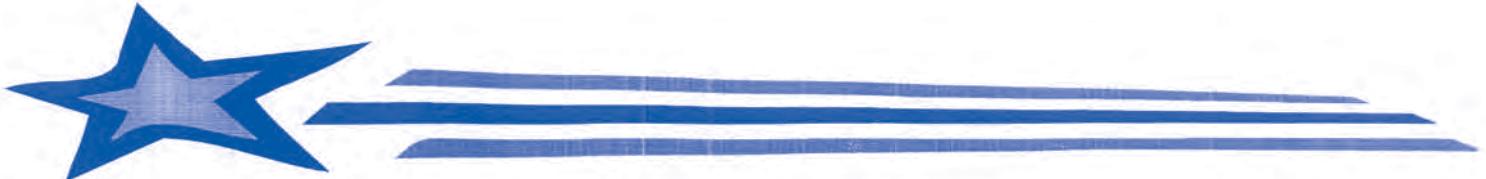


Right, Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, presents to Julian the flag which flew over Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan which Nicholson commanded. Above, Julian and his daughter, Mary Nell O'Dowd from Tulsa, OK, stand on the newly dedicated Quarles Walk. Photos by Bruce Strange, '72



Colonel Steve Trent, '70, assists Julian in raising over the AMA Alumni House/Museum a flag which flew over Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan. Julian snaps a sharp salute.





**Brittany Burke,
AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient**

An AMA Legacy Scholarship for 2010 goes to the granddaughter of Chuck Pine from the Class of 1949.

Brittany Ward Burke says that when she was a child... she would spend many weekends with her grandparents.

Her relationship with her grandfather transcended the familial relationship and they became dedicated friends.

At night... Chuck would tuck her in and tell her bedtime stories. Only later did she discover that these stories were

about his experiences as an AMA cadet. Let's hope he didn't impart anything to her at bedtime that kept her awake all night.

Brittany says her grandfather's work ethic was transferred to her... an ethic he honed at Augusta Military Academy.

She will attend the Law School at George Mason University and plans to use her law degree to advocate on behalf of underprivileged populations who do not have access to quality legal representation.



Charles S. Pine, 1949 Recall





AMA Legacy Scholarships awarded at Reunion 2010



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER Todd Livick, Jr., son of Todd Livick, '81, with Scholarship Chairman Phil Bentley, '83, and AMA Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70.

AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, were awarded to three deserving young people at the annual reunion. **Brittany Ward Burke**, the granddaughter of **Chuck Pine**, '49, **Blaine Frohlich**, daughter of **Ken Frohlich**, '74, and **Todd Livick, Jr.**, son of **Todd Livick**, '81, earned the scholarships. From a plethora of applications, the judges chose these three outstanding young people. The scholarships are awarded annually to direct descendants of AMA alumni, 25 years of age or younger, who are attending an institution of learning beyond the high school level.

The Awards Banquet audience was privileged to hear from a previous two time scholarship winner **Vivi Rovirosa Gauthier** who is the daughter of **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70. She told how much she appreciated her scholarships.



Each Fall, the trustees of the AMA Foundation decide how many scholarships to present at the next reunion and in what amount, based on funds available. The Fall *Bayonet* will announce the availability of 2011 scholarships together with instructions on how to secure applications.

Left, Blaine Frohlich plans to play basketball at Columbia University. Her father is Ken Frohlich, '74. Right, Vivi Rovirosa Gauthier, daughter of Jorge Rovirosa, '70, speaks about the two AMA Legacy Scholarships she earned.



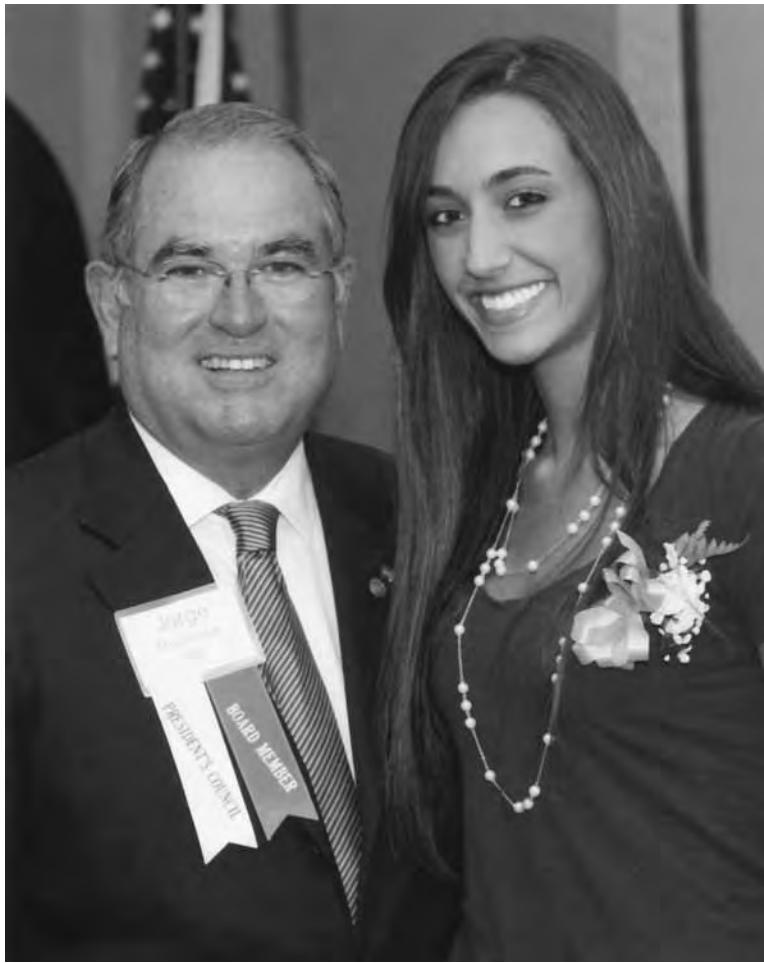


Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

**Blaine Frohlich,
AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient
with Alumni President Rovirosa**

This scholarship winner will be playing basketball in the Ivy League. Blaine Frohlich, the daughter of Ken Frohlich from the Class of 1974, has wanted to be a flyer on the cheerleading squad since she was in the third grade.

Her Dad told her that in order to do that... she would need the skills she could acquire only by playing basketball and playing it well. And the rest... as they say... is history.

Columbia University offers no athletic scholarships... but that has not deterred Blaine. She will be playing basketball at Columbia

while she studies to become a plastic surgeon. Ken Frohlich... like General Roller... believes you can change the world one person at a time. His daughter took this as her objective in life after witnessing her friend... Ashley... undergo many surgeries to correct a cleft palate. Blaine intends to help children like Ashley have a normal life and will devote herself unselfishly to that laudable intent.



**Ken Frohlich,
1974 Recall**



Todd Stephenson Livick, Jr. has had some high powered family motivations to succeed in life.

His grandfather is Colonel Mal Livick and his father is Lieutenant Colonel Todd Livick from the Class of 1981.

They have set some very high standards for Steve.

Steve credits his father and grandfather for being driving and persuasive forces for good. Family values and respect for the honor code at AMA were passed on to him undiluted.

Steve is a great lacrosse player... just like his Dad.



**Todd Stephenson (Steve) Livick, Jr.,
AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient**



**Todd Stephenson Livick,
1981 Recall**

He considers becoming an Eagle Scout to be his greatest accomplishment to date.

Steve plans to major in economics and accounting with a minor in Spanish... and is considering several colleges including James Madison, South Carolina, Hampden-Sydney and Susquehanna University.

He is undecided at this moment but we are confident that he will make the right choice.



RUTH ROSENTHAL in the gym balcony shooting photos for herself and *The Bayonet*.



GOOD SHOT - Though they didn't get to shoot this year, the Sporting Clay Clan gave Stride Coleman, '72, a plaque for having broken the most consecutive targets.

Far right, the Virginia Highway sign has one big error: 13 thousand attended AMA, not seven thousand. Center, sign over the front door at the museum.

Photos on this and other pages by Bruce Strange, '72, Victor Gomez, '69, and Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal



FRANK AND JOHN - Frank Spencer, '49, with John Maragon, proud Fishburne man, at the Founder's Day exercises.



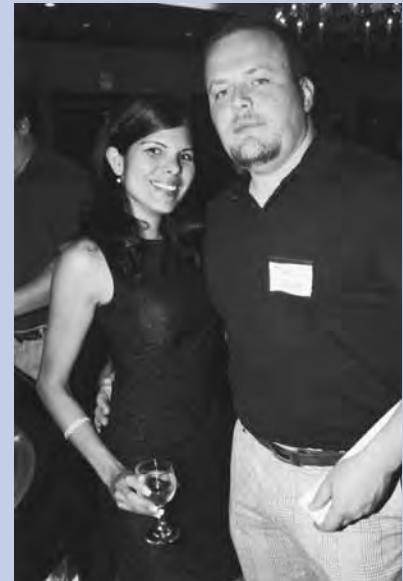
ALL AMA - Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and Howard Rosenthal, '68, are all smiles.



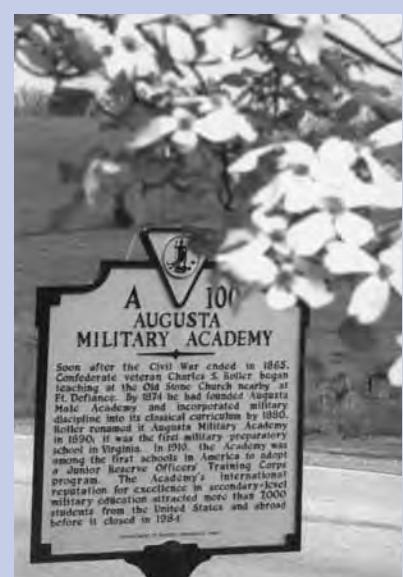
THREE LEFT STANDING - In the Knock Out Drill, a group of Fishburne cadets went up against some AMA alumni. At the end, only three remained and all were AMA alumni: Jim Mitchell, '76, Keith Sterling, '76, and Scott Travers, '70. LTC Trent, '70, watches.



WARREN FLEMING, '72, ran the PX at the Museum during part of the reunion. Thanks, Warren!



Gordon Metz' son, Chris, and Veronica enjoyed Casino Night.





FAMILY ASSISTANCE - Rebecca Landrum, the daughter of Crysta Stephenson, volunteered to serve cookies and lemonade to the near 150 people on the Augusta County Garden Tour. Shown with her is loyal museum volunteer Ben Zinkhan, '60.



COMING TO SEE WOODROW - The Friday tour went to the birthplace of President Woodrow Wilson in Staunton. Once again this year, Bob Hume, '63, provided a luxury motor coach for the tour. Can't thank you enough, Bob!



AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET



CLASSMATES FROM 1960 - Frank and Bev Williamson with Bob and Susie White. Bob and Frank were CW roommates and played on the varsity football team.



FAMILIAR SCENE - Cadets milling about after a parade but these are Fishburne boys on our blacktop.



HONORED GUEST - The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veteran's Services brought a message of support for our veterans and our troops. He is Vince Burgess who has since retired. He spoke at the Saturday lunch.





Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

The sad eyes of Big Barracks look out on the departure of the Roller Riders on their post-reunion excursion.

Gettysburg, Antietam, Petersburg

Roller Riders follow Lee's army to Appomattox

By Rick Smail, '67

This year the Roller Riders enjoyed a unique variation of their annual ride and instead of concentrating on a single or particular destination, we decided to visit significant Civil War battlefields. We have two members (**Mark Femrite, '72**, and **Nick Syropoulos, '69**) who are re-enactors and it was decided to take advantage of their knowledge to enlighten the group about the epic struggle.

The ride began with the group congregating Sunday morning at the home of **Bruce & Tom Hemp** for breakfast where we all worshiped at the altar of Bruce's cooking. As always, she delivered a scrumptious meal of omelets, biscuits, country ham and other goodies. It is an honor and privilege to have such wonderful friends to our group.

After breakfast the corps of riders and bikes assembled at noon on the blacktop in front of Big Barracks. This year's participants included **Mike Nolan, '67** **Gordon Metz, '68**, **Rick Smail, '67**, **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, **Mark Femrite, '72**, **Mac McWilliams, '77**, **Brett Thompson, '75**, **Keith Sterling, '76**, and **Nick Syropoulos, '69**, piloting his Thunderbird. We also enjoyed the company of **Sergeant Major Jim Helms** who we know from **Massanutten Military Academy**.

After the customary lap around the bowl, the Roller Riders headed north on Route 340 bound for Harpers Ferry. We were impressed with the setting of the town at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers as well as the number of arms produced (600,000) in the 50 years before the war. It's

easy to see why John Brown wanted to capture the town and its arms as part of his abolition revolution. From Harpers Ferry we rode north to Gettysburg where we would spend the night before touring the battlefield the next morning.

Monday, we began the day by touring the new visitors center and seeing the cyclorama. We were very moved by



THE FIRST STOP was at Harper's Ferry. L. to r., Mac McWilliams, '77, Rick Smail, '67, Sergeant Major Jim Helms from Massanutten Military Academy, Brett Thompson, '75, and Mike Nolan, '67.

what we learned at the visitor's center before continuing with an all too short tour of the battlefield. It is difficult to contemplate the magnitude of the battle and a day is too short to absorb all the events, but it was all the time we could allocate. The day was capped by a period dinner at the Farnsworth House Inn.

Tuesday, we rode on to the Antietam Battlefield where the bloodiest single day in American history occurred on September 17, 1862. Approximately 23,000 men were lost on that fateful day. The daughter of **Mike Nolan**, '67, Olivia (who attends Sheppard University) joined us for the tour and lunch afterwards. After eating we took the scenic route south along the east side of the Blue Ridge and then east to Petersburg where we spent the night.

On Wednesday, we visited the Petersburg fortification sites and famous crater where Federal forces successfully breached the Confederate barricades, only to lose the day when Union soldiers ran into the crater instead of maneuvering around it. After lunch we went to the National Museum of The Civil War Soldier/Pamplin Historical Park that is located at the site of the eventual Union breakthrough. Even though not as significant as the other historical places we visited, we all thought it was the most educational of any of the places we visited on the trip. The museum allowed visitors to come away with an understanding of what it would have been like to have been a soldier in either of the armies.



BRUCE ORENSTEIN, '69, ready for the ride with all the patches in place.

Appomattox Court House where Lee finally surrendered to Grant. Much like the Army of Northern Virginia, we rode our separate ways after our time at Appomattox.

Like the reunion, stormy weather threatened the majority of the time, but really did not have a material effect on the ride. Even though skies were dark, all of the ride plans were followed and for the most part rain only fell when the bikes were parked.



CHARLIE HILLSMAN'S FARM is on the site of the Sailor's Creek Battlefield, the last battle of the Civil War. **Gordon Metz, '68, Nicky Syropoulos, '69, and Mark Femrite, '72**, are shown there. Nicky and Mark are Civil War re-enactors.

Our trip allowed us to increase our knowledge and understanding of one of the most tumultuous times in our history. We were sobered by the magnitude of the losses, but uplifted by the brotherhood we share. We all look forward to our next adventure.



60 YEARS AGO - Colonel and Mrs. Roller at the 1950 Pin-up Queen Dance in Memorial Gymnasium.

AMA Scholarship winner wounded in Afghanistan

Word has been received that 2004 AMA Legacy Scholarship winner John Arthur, VI was seriously wounded by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan last fall. Arthur attended VMI and is the son of **John Arthur, V, '75**. He was flown back to the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. to recover. Thanks to **John Hash, '75**, for this report.

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Speaker at Reunion 2010 luncheon

Manuel Balbis, '53, remembers days at Augusta

A graduate of the Class of 1953 enthralled a record crowd at the Saturday luncheon during Reunion 2010. **Manuel Balbis, '53**, the former President of Firestone International, spoke about how important AMA has been in his life encapsulating the spirit of the reunion.

By popular request, we herewith reproduce his entire delivery:

I hope you have been enjoying your time here as much as I have. It is always a pleasant experience to come to this beautiful valley and reminisce with friends and relatives about the years spent as a Cadet at Augusta Military Academy. Nevertheless, before you know it, tomorrow will come and we will all go our separate ways again, possibly until next year, when we will participate in another reunion and relive and renew many pleasant memories.

Jorge Rovirosa, our Alumni Association President, asked me to share with you today some of the many memories I have about my years – six of them! – at AMA. I thank Jorge for giving me not only this pleasure, but also the honor.

When I look back at the many years which have gone by since those six years at AMA, it could seem that so much has happened in my life since then, that I could have easily forgotten any traces those years might have left in my memory. Not so. AMA played such an important role in shaping me into what I am today that those formative years still reverberate in my consciousness.

Fortunate to attend Augusta

Today, I would like to take the opportunity Jorge Rovirosa gave me and talk about how important AMA has been to my life. I know it has also been important to the lives of many others and some are present here today. Whenever I remember AMA, it is always with the recognition of the effect it had on the person I became. Like me, I hope that in these last few days some of you have had the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we were to be able to attend Augusta Military Academy. We all learned a lot, not just in our curriculum, but also about how to be leaders and men.

During this 40th Alumni Reunion, we have been able to talk about the good times, the challenges, our classes, and our instructors. Some of you remember basketball games, football games and wrestling matches. Others remember laughing with friends, studying for hours, the satisfaction of receiving that A or, finally, that treasured Diploma. Many remember old friends. Even others might also remember old girl friends, or like me, the day we discovered girls while growing into young men.

To me suddenly, practically overnight a GIRL changed from a creature with pigtails made for boys to pull, into a person that could set off strange and pleasant feelings just by being around them. I still remember when they would warble in that musical southern accent "Manuel, do you like the way I did mah haih?" Every time, they would have to blot me off the floor!

Southern girls impressed me

"Southern girls" so impressed me, that I picked a girl from the deep, deep, South, – Cuba – to marry. Her accent might not sound the same; but the message is usually just as sweet. She is here today and we hope to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary

this September.

But, whatever you remember the most, I am sure what is uppermost in your mind is how the school helped shape you into the person you are today.

Charles Summerville Roller founded what became Augusta Military Academy in 1865 after the Civil War. Professor Roller was a born teacher. He tutored some of the young Confederate veterans in Virginia. Shortly after that, in 1879, he established the Augusta Male Academy at his new home on the site of the school we knew, in the house between the mess hall and Deane's Castle. Later, that house became the home of Professor Roller's daughter, **Maggie Belle**, and her husband **Colonel Warren Robinson**, a teacher at AMA. Today, that house is the AMA Museum.

That first year the school was open, the 1879-1880 school year, the new Augusta Male Academy had 15 boarders and some 30-day students at Fort Defiance. Augusta Male Academy soon became Augusta Military Academy. Throughout its 117-year history, Augusta Military Academy was one of the oldest of seven military prep schools that existed in Virginia, and the only one privately owned.

An excellent education

Over the years enrollment grew. The Roller family offered students an outstanding educational experience, and through him and many other teachers here, we all were able to learn who we were, and what we wanted to become. We received an excellent education in all the important aspects of our lives. Many AMA students served their country.

Five hundred AMA alumni served in World War One and 52 AMA ex-cadets died in action in World War Two, an astounding number considering the size of the school.

I was ten years old when I first attended AMA. I was an only child, born and living in Havana, Cuba. My parents made an immense sacrifice sending me away to study in a boarding school hundreds of miles away from home. But my father was a visionary. The year was 1946. It was after World War Two, and America was the "Light of the World." I had attended St George's School, an English school in Havana, but my father wanted an American education IN America for me. My mother felt that "sons did not belong to their parents, but to the future." They both believed that "the most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them."

After making their research and guided by family friends who had a son already at AMA, AMA it was, and off to AMA I went. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't thank them for what they did for me. Attending AMA gave me the kind of education and preparation for the future they hoped it would.

More than buildings and a campus

No one can put a price on the real value a good education gives its pupils. As AMA alumni, we can say that the education that we received has served us well during most of our lives. However, a school is more than the education it provides. It is more than physical buildings and a campus.

What really bring schools to life are the people who inhabit the
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Manuel Balbis, '53

Silent Auction has another loud result

Once again, the annual Silent Auction at the reunion produced some good income for the AMA Alumni Foundation at a time when good financial news is not commonplace.

Managed by **Carol and Dave Conrad**, '59, the auction netted slightly less than \$5,000 with the American Airlines tickets again leading the way. Donated by **Tom DelValle**, '73, the two first class and two coach American tickets were purchased by **Howard Rosenthal**, '68, for \$850 and \$1,150 respectively.

A week at Fiddlestix timeshare donated by **Anne and Luke Snyder**, '60, went to **Boots Solan**, '43, for \$900 while a Buttonwood Bay timeshare donated by **Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, was snapped up by **Rod Willey**, '51, for \$700. **Tommy Clements**, '50, got two custom made knives from **Clyde Ramsey**, '49, for \$350 and a pellet gun given by **Gerry Arnold**, '66, for \$265. Tommy also got a Confederate Bowie Knife for \$50 which had been contributed by **Willis Walker**, '71.

Jim Starnes, '50, paid \$175 for a meter lamp donated by **Mike Kidd**, 72, while an AMA wood plaque made by Mike went to **Dave Halsman**, '78, for \$100 and a "Cadet's Lament" plaque, also for \$100.

Other items purchased: a pet feeder donated by **Dave Conrad**, '59, for \$20 to **Jim Atchison**, '73, a cigar ash tray give by **Lillian and Sergio Fernandez**, '56, for \$15 to **Ruth Saunders**, and a Robert Wood print contributed by Conrad for \$26 to **Boots Solan**. Boots also got some Sake donated by the Fernandez' for \$15 while they gave Jamaica rum which was purchased by **Tommy Clements** for \$15. Jorge Rovirosa paid \$20 for Dewars Scotch given by Lillian and Sergio.

Jim Councill, '49, gave three prints which brought \$25 from **Scott Travers**, '70, and Travers got a hand painted canvas painting of Big Barracks contributed by "An AMA offspring" for \$25.

Lillian and Sergio gave several other items: a hand painted vase bought by **Cathy Rice** for \$20, a terra cotta coffee set purchased by **Crysta Stephenson** for \$20 and Moet Champagne which **Casey Mitchell** got for \$20. Casey also paid \$27 for some French champagne given by Lillian and Sergio. Good reason to break open the champagne: nearly \$5,000. Thank you, contributors and bidders!



Ernie Click's great-grandson may be headed for Fishburne

Ernest Click, '48, and Marge attended the AMA Reunion driving up from Flagler Beach, FL in their elegant RV. Their grandson, Travis Hutchins and his wife, Amy, arrived a few days early to meet with relatives living in the Valley, an extensive history lesson for Travis who knew little about his Stout/Click heritage.

Travis is a Staff Sergeant, USMC, stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, SC. He has just been chosen to go to Elgin Air Force Base, FL to be a joint strike fighter instructor, an assignment he will have for the next four years. Travis attended the Friday night reunion banquet with Ernie and his uncle, **Ed Click**, '50, and had the honor of meeting **General Larry Nicholson**, '75, just back from his command of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan.

Travis and Amy have three children of whom the oldest, Jacob, may attend Fishburne next year. When Travis and Amy toured the Waynesboro campus, J. B. Yount, a school director and distant cousin to Travis, was there and he was delighted that a member of the family was interested in attending FMS.

Ernie says that Travis and Amy "were so impressed with the AMA alumni they met, their sense of pride in the school and the strong relationships they have with each other. They went home to share this enthusiasm for this kind of education with Jacob. Everyone in the family hopes that Jacob will attend Fishburne next year." If Jacob goes there, says Ernie, he will be welcomed by his grandfather's side of the family in Virginia "where he has lots of other cousins he has yet to meet."

Pictured above are Ed, Travis and Ernie.





TENDING TO BUSINESS - The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors met on Saturday at the reunion. The AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees met on Thursday afternoon.



TOMMY SIMMONS, '53, was the Chief Bartender again. Thanks, Tommy!

At right, LTC Steve Trent, '70, concludes the Flag Ceremony with a salute. Participants in the Flag Ceremony shown here are Willis Walker, '71, and Brett Thompson, '75.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - Coach Bill Ralph presided over the annual Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday morning. It was good to have him back and looking so well!



FOR TEN GRAND - Howard Rosenthal, '68, putted without effect on Casino Night. Had he made the shot, he and AMA each would have gotten \$5,000.





Founder's Day Chairman Luke Snyder, '60, presides at the ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.



Waiting for Founder's Day ceremonies to begin, Linda Roller Livick and Frank Spencer, '49, relax in the Stone Church Cemetery.



Captain John Butler, Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Artillery, and his assistant prepare the cannon for firing.

Photo by Ruth Rosenthal



The All AMA Color Guard and the Honor Guard march into the cemetery clad in their Roller Rifles uniforms.

Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Founder's Day - 24 April 2010

Augusta Stone Church Cemetery

Linda Livick relates her family history at annual Founder's Day

The great granddaughter of Augusta Military Academy's founder told the annual Founder's Day commemoration that all AMA alumni can thank him and his sons and family for helping them be what they are today.

Linda Roller Livick said that "AMA will always be in my heart and all AMA cadets will always be dear to me." The service was held under threatening skies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery where so many AMA faculty and Roller family members lie. Founder's Day Chairman Luke Snyder, '60, introduced the speaker.

After her remarks, AMA Chaplain Frank Spencer, '49, read the names of alumni and faculty who had passed away since Reunion 2009. A cannon shot, Taps by Bud Oakey, '70, and a 21 gun salute followed. Music was provided by the Saxhorn Band from the famous Stonewall Brigade Band.

Charles Summerville Roller, AMA's founder, was born in 1839, attended the University of Virginia, served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War and began tutoring Confederate veterans just four months after the war ended. From that small beginning came the school through whose arch came 13,000 cadets who left better than they had come.

Linda traced her family history remarking that her great grandfather assured that his four children went to college: Maggie Belle to Augusta Female, now Mary Baldwin, Tom and William to Virginia and Charles, Jr. to VMI. Charles, Jr. – the Big Boy – and his wife Janet had one son, Charles, III, Linda's father. He was killed in an auto accident in 1938 and Linda went to live with Charles, Jr. and Janet.

Linda told of all the family connections who were related to the school – **Colonel Cy McCue** and his son, **Joe**, '66, **Colonel Will Parkins** and his son **Bill**, '70, and **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, Colonel McCue's nephew. All are related in some way to Rosabelle Moorman, Professor Roller's wife.

Linda said that all of her children had gone to AMA, even including her daughter, Lee, who went to AMA's summer school.



Flanked by the AMA Color Guard and the AMA Firing Party and standing at the Roller family obelisk, Linda Roller Livick said that her great grandfather "started a wonderful school that produced many fine young men."



Above, left, Foundation Chairman Frank Williamson, '60, and Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, representing all AMA alumni, carry a wreath to its place in front of the Roller obelisk. Above, right, Bud Oakey, '70, plays Taps. Professor Roller's Birthday was 8 May and that date was always celebrated while Professor Roller lived. After his death in 1907, it became Founder's Day for the rest of the time that AMA was in operation. Tradition has it that Professor Roller's wife walked into his class one May 8th and dismissed the boys telling them that it was the Professor's birthday. Thereafter, there were no classes on 8 May.

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Ask anyone who has
been on an AMA cruise
and they'll tell you it is
THE BEST!

Golfers have much fun, raise money for AMA

On a lovely April morning, the 2010 AMA Open teed off at Ingleside and from all reports the golf was pretty good and the repartee magnificent!

The winning foursome was **Andrew Becker, '71, Lewie Kennett, '72, Garry Granger, '71, and Doug Pennock, '72**. Pennock also had the longest drive (from Puerto Rico to Verona) and **Jack Paulson, '71**, was closest to the pin. All in all, a great day and a nice contribution by the golfers to the AMA Alumni Foundation. **Paul Poluito, '73**, ran the AMA Open this year.



THIS LITTLE MAN is the trophy for the first place team. It was donated by Chuck Foley who graduated from the Missouri Military Academy in 1954. President Rovirosa holds the special little fella. Below, Open Chairman Paul Poluito, '73, makes the presentation at the Awards Banquet.



Right, **Bobby Rhea, '47, Jackson Prentice, '68, Phyllis (Mrs. Paul, '73) Poluito and Mickey Toms, '67.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO TOM DeVALLE, '73, FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR THE GOLFERS!



Photo and one below by Ruth Rosenthal

FOUR DOWN TO THREE - The winning foursome was Andrew Becker, '71, Garry Granger, '71, Doug Pennock, '72, and Lewie Kennett, '72. The first three are pictured above with their trophy but Lewie was nowhere to be found.



THE GANG'S ALL HERE, duffers, dandies and divot makers all!





THE CLASS OF 1960 - Gathered around the 105 are members of the Class of 1960 and their wives celebrating 50 years since they graduated from AMA. Back row, l. to r., Bill Marriner, Luke Snyder, Dave Trimble, Frank Williamson, Betsy Trimble, Bill McVey, Ben Zinkhan and Bill Mayne. Second row, Anne Snyder, Bev Williamson, Millie McVey and Joyce Zinkhan. Kneeling, Bill Mayne's son, Joe Saunders and his wife Brenda.

Sergeant Joe coached the Hall of Fame team

The 1969-70 AMA basketball team was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame during Reunion 2010, a team coached by the late **Jim Hogg** and **Sergeant Joe Josephson**. Sergeant Joe was overjoyed that he would see his players again and they were excited to be seeing him.

Joe wrote an individual letter to each member of the team inviting him back for the installation ceremony but lamentably, just four weeks before the reunion, Joe died. Several of his players responded to Joe's letter but he never saw them. Reproduced here are excerpts from some of the letters:

From **Baxter Hayes**: I remember our great basketball team but most I remember what great people were involved, especially
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INTERMONT MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB - Again this year, we were delighted to have the Intermont Military Vehicle Club bring some of their special items to our campus during the reunion weekend. We do appreciate their support each year.

Photos by Bruce Strange, '72



TAKING THE REVIEW - Fishburne and AMA officials watch as the FMS Corps marches onto the AMA Drill Field. The Corps formed in front of Big Barracks, marched down the steps to the field and took their places where the AMA Corps once stood on Sunday parades.



MACK SAUNDERS, '50 and Ruth came to the reunion from Suffolk.



VICTOR GOMEZ, '69, and Angela Barcelo from Miami. Victor not only took dozens of stills at the reunion but he videoed several ceremonies. Thanks always, Victor for all you do. And Angela, come back to see us soon!



FORMER FIRST CAPTAIN MARK FEMRITE, '72, is ready for his next Civil War reenactment. The Femrites live in Riner just outside Blacksburg.



CHECKING THE PAVERS, an alumnus reads some of the pavers which line Quarles Walk in front of the Alumni House/Museum.



DOUG PENNOCK, '72, and Trudy at the Awards Banquet. The Pennocks live in Puerto Rico. Doug's father was Chuck Pennock, '48.

We thank all of our alumni and friends who have offered us photos of the reunion.

Pictures on this page and elsewhere by
Victor Gomez, '69
Ruth Rosenthal (Mrs. Howard)
Kiki (Mrs. Jorge) Rovirosa
Bruce Strange, '72

This medalist began helping AMA soon after the association was created.

He designed and paid for AMA decals. He produced AMA name and baggage tags, all of which were invaluable on the AMA Alumni Cruises he planned.

He has taken a leadership role in the South Florida alumni group organizing their lunches, recruiting new alumni and raising money for AMA programs.



**"Ozzie" Ferro,
1953 Recall**



Recently, he topped all of his many past accomplishments by funding more than 150 shipments of supplies for General Nicholson's Marines in Afghanistan.

He has harassed merchants to have the prices cut on the contents of the boxes.

He has sought donations from others to fund both the AMA program for Afghan Kids and the procurement of items that would make our Marines' lives a little better.

His name, of course, is Ozzie Ferro from the Class of 1953.

Because of his wife's illness, Ozzie could not be at the reunion to receive his medal. His classmate and friend for 50 years, Manuel Balbis, '53, accepted on his behalf.

General Nicholson presents

Three earn AMA Alumni Medals for 2010

Graced by the presence of **General Larry Nicholson, '75**, the 2010 AMA Alumni Medals went to two people who had supported his Afghanistan mission and to a professional photographer who has donated countless hours to AMA.

Ozzie Ferro, '53, involved many friends and alumni in South Florida in collecting packages for the Afghan Kids and for the Marines under Larry's command. In all, he was responsible for more than 150 packages being sent to Afghanistan.

Bruce Hemp, a 1972 graduate of Stuart Hall and teacher at the Fort Defiance High School, led the effort to collect packages for the Marines with an emphasis on the needs of female Marines who are interfacing with women in Afghanistan.

Bruce Strange, '72, had provided *pro bono* professional photographic support to AMA in general and particularly to *The Bayonet*. You will find many of his photos in this issue including this page.



BRUCE STRANGE, '72, receives his medal from Bob Bradford, '50, Chairman of the Medals Committee.

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BRUCE HEMP received her AMA Alumni Medal from Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, for her unwavering support of his troops in Afghanistan and for spearheading the AMA Afghan Kids program. With Bruce, center, above, is Jorge Rovirosa, '70, President of the Alumni Association, and General Nicholson who came to the reunion within days of his redeployment from Afghanistan to The Pentagon.

Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Past recipients of the AMA Alumni Medal

Joseph Salicrup, '31*	Ben Zinkhan, '60
Colonel Will Parkins, '35*	Bruce Nicholson, '62
Julian Quarles, '35	Bob Hume, '63
Bill Gray, '37*	Greg Pearce, '65
Mickey Gordon, '39*	Mac McInnis, '67
V. P. Leavel, '39*	Gordon Metz, '68
Bobby Rhea, '47	Victor Gomez, '69
Paul Bratton, '48*	B. J. d'Orsay, '70
Ed Chauncey, '49	Gary Nicholson, '70*
Jim Councill, '49	Steve Trent, '70
Clyde Ramsey, '49	Garry Granger, '71
Frank Spencer, '49	Tom DelValle, '72
Bob Bradford, '50	Steve Pearson, '72
Ed Click, '50	Chuck Pennock, '72
Jim Starnes, '50	Steve Traylor, '72
Hap Starr, '51	Norvell West, '84
Tommy Simmons, '52	Chief Chester Cole*
Ronnie Mahanes, '53*	Reverend Greg Douglas
Bob Harris, '54	Chuck Foley^
Parker Ward, '54*	Hilton Roller Grasty*
Goodloe Saunders, '57	Sergeant Joe Josephson*
Jerry Wildman, '57	Coach Bill Ralph
Duke Fancher, '58	Sergeant Don Studer
Terry Snow, '58*	
Dave Conrad, '59	
George Holt, '60	
Frank Williamson, '60	

* Deceased

^ Missouri Military Academy



Bruce Strange,
1972 *Recall*

There is no way to calculate the financial equivalent of the services rendered by this medalist.

He has been coming to each reunion and providing services that would have cost us in the thousands of dollars had we been required to purchase them.

Even then, we would not have had the personal commitment to excellence which this person's heart requires.

When a professional gives of his or her time and talent, the outcome is assured.

We have watched this person's innovative approach to his craft and have marvelled at the results, particularly when one realizes that he is freely giving what others stand in line to pay for.

You have seen his work in recent *Bayonets*. He is a professional photographer without peer – our own lens crafter – and we would be lost without him.

The 2010 AMA Alumni Medal goes to Bruce Strange from the Class of 1972.



This AMA Alumni Medal goes to one who has demonstrated a friendship for AMA that is unrivaled.

She has two other schools where she can pour out her heart: Stuart Hall where she graduated and Fort Defiance High School where she teaches. And she shows her devotion to those schools in myriad ways.



**Bruce Higginbotham Kemp,
Stuart Hall, '72**



General Nicholson at Fort Defiance High School thanking the students who helped pack and ship the parcels to Afghanistan.

Bruce Higginbotham Hemp still has enough heart left to help AMA whether it was sandblasting the Front Gate (yes, true) or completely immersing herself in the laudable campaign to support General Nicholson's Marines in Afghanistan.

And Bruce never does anything halfway. Before he left for his one year tour as CG of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan, Bruce asked the General what she could do to help him accomplish his mission. Little did he know that he would be happily inundated with plenteous parcels from Fort Defiance!

In addition to her own desire to help, Bruce was asked by AMA Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, to help coordinate the AMA Afghan Kids program.

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General Nicholson thanks and commends Bruce Hemp

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General Nicholson told Bruce that sometimes his troops only got to shower every ten to twelve days and they could use baby wipes. And beef jerky which does not spoil in the desert heat. *"I thought Bruce would send a few boxes and that would be great,"* said Nicholson. *"Little did I know that it would turn into an industrial sized enterprise that would not only support the Marines but would also be a big help to the Afghan kids who have so little."*

Bruce and her team actually sent more than 170 packages. Twenty-five of the boxes weighed more than 300 pounds full of over the counter medical supplies, school supplies and Beanie Babies. Two hundred fifty backpacks also were sent and 1,300 pounds of food was sent for the Marines themselves.

Proud of opening schools

General Nicholson said he is most proud of having been able to reopen 32 schools around Camp Leatherneck *"but the returning students had no school supplies. When I asked Bruce to get some school supplies, she responded with an unbelievable one hundred fifty plus boxes."* That area of Afghanistan has a 85 per cent literacy level. *"When the schools reopened, boys and girls attended which was a real breakthrough since females have not been traditionally educated in that area,"* he said. *"Some schools have been closed for 30 years so you can imagine the shape they were in."*

Toys and candy arrived in great quantities. There were 10,000 Beanie Babies and 700 soccer balls, some shipped directly from the manufacturer and not all from Bruce but she was a major part of the efforts. Many of these items were flown to Kabul on American Airlines with AA Senior Vice President **Tom DelValle, '73**, on board one of the flights. Two hundred spiral notebooks, crayons, coloring books, plush toys and dolls were sent for the Marines to hand out to the Afghan kids.

Many packages from South Florida

Ozzie Ferro, '53, also shipped many boxes from South Florida. Says Bruce, *"Ozzie and I have become good friends. I am truly grateful for his financial support, his ability to do research and for his much needed moral support."* Other AMA people who sent boxes include **Liz Hash** and the ladies in her office at James Madison University, **Mary Ann** and **Rick Smail, '67**, **Nancy** and **Bob Bradford**,

'50, Maureen and Mike Kidd, '72, and Don Studer's sister.

General Nicholson said, *"We told the Marines that they ought to be able to dispense ammunition and Jolly Rancher candy with equal accuracy and enthusiasm. Sometimes we would have a firefight and three blocks away a Marine would be giving some of the candy you sent to a child."*

Larry also said that nothing delights a Marine, deployed far from home, as much as mail from back home. *"But when Marines open packages that did not come from their home town, not from his or her family, then they know they are not forgotten – that someone out there cares."*

Students helped pack boxes

With characteristic modesty, Bruce says that *"Many folks got involved and I was just sort of the coordinator."* The kids in her class helped pack the boxes, address them, fill out the customs forms which were required for all packages and load them in a car headed for the airport or post office. The high schoolers who were involved learned a good history and civics lesson in the doing.

Says Bruce, *"One of the benefits for me was to have been able to form such wonderful friendships with many of the Marines and AMA supporters. Let me say that there are four AMA*

alumni who gave the majority of funds for this effort: **Ozzie, B. J. d'Orsay, '70, Harry Campbell, '70, and Bruce Crum, '73.** Without their help, this project would never have gotten off the ground."



Just before leaving Afghanistan, Larry and an Afghan general briefly traded caps much to the delight of the Afghan troops pictured above. General Nicholson now goes to The Pentagon where he will be the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

SPOTLIGHT on ULISES SILVA, '52

Daring break out from Castro's "escape proof" Isle of Pines Prison

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

At the 2010 Reunion, some of us were lucky enough to meet Rene Silva, the son of an AMA alumnus who triumphed over adversity in Fidel Castro's Cuba. Rene Silva attended the reunion to learn about his father's time at AMA. Six months ago he dreamed of his father and saw a building with towers, perhaps in Europe. When he described the building to his mother, she said, *"That's your father's military school in Virginia."*

Internet research led him to find the AMA Alumni Association and Facebook discussions with Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, quickly followed. Jorge told him that several AMA alumni had been in the Bay of Pigs invasion, and that there was an exhibit at the Museum that would interest him. So, Rene decided to attend the reunion, visit the museum and learn more about his father's time at AMA. Like a diamond with many facets, he wanted to locate and polish one facet so that he and others could understand how his father's life was shaped by AMA. He felt strongly that AMA prepared his father for the bad times ahead and gave him the strength to triumph over extreme adversity.

Arrest by Castro's police

The bad times that lay ahead for **Ulises Silva, '52**, were chilling indeed, but life was not always that way. Born in Miramar, Cuba, he led a fairly privileged life. His grandfather, while starting with nothing, ended up owning four sugar refineries before Castro confiscated them. Ulises came to AMA when he was only 14. He spoke fluent English and adjusted admirably to the change from 80 degree days in Cuba to the cold Virginia winters. He showed great potential as a leader and a scholar, becoming an assistant squad leader and making the Honor Roll.

In early 1961, Ulises and another Cuban, poet and author Armando Valladares, were arrested and taken to the Isle of Pines prison. Ulises Silva's stay in prison is chronicled in Valladares' book entitled *Against All Hope*. Prison conditions were atrocious. A report by the Organization of American States' Inter-American Commission on Human Rights described the prison as follows: "The four circular prisons on the Isle of Pines together held 7,000 prisoners, (each originally had capacity for 870 detainees). According to testimony, inspections were also frequent, the physical integrity of prisoners was violated, and they were insulted and severely punished with beatings, solidarity [sic] confinement, and deprivation of food and water. In general, food was considered to be of very deficient quality and scarce, medical attention was poor and

letters were limited to one per month and visits to one or two per year."

Escape proof

Escape was thought to be impossible, but Ulises Silva did not believe anything was impossible. Ulises and Armando did manage to escape, but they were caught just past the prison's cement fence. Ulises was stripped naked and put in a 10 foot by 10 foot mud hole, 10 feet deep and topped with barbed wire. He was told he would be executed and while he waited he lived on lizards, cockroaches and rain water. Living

in his own filth, every day the prison guards would pass a bucket around and urinate and spit in it while asking if Ulises was ready to change. When he answered "No," the bucket was dumped on him. A prison guard would tell him he didn't have to be in the mud hole if he accepted the revolution, but Ulises answered that his loyalty was to the Constitution and not to Fidel. Other guards told him they would give him a uniform if he would change his allegiance. Ulises would say, *"You come down here and give it to me,"* but of course they never did. Instead, he found himself shrinking to 95 pounds from his previous 150, and facing execution at the hands of Fidel Castro.

Ulises Silva, 1952 Recall



Silva was in the Second platoon in D Company. Silva was an assistant squad leader in 1951-52. There were but two photos of him in the '52 Recall, this and his class photo.

The Bay of Pigs

The story of Ulises is intertwined with that of another "Silva" -- Ulises' brother Rene. Ulises was scheduled to be executed around the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion. Rene was captured during the invasion, put in a refrigerated container with 60 other men and moved to Havana in a hermetically-sealed truck. Rene, being very athletic and a strong swimmer, helped two young men survive transport by creating a small hole in the container with his belt buckle. He held up the two men to the hole to allow them to breathe until he himself became weak, fell down, and succumbed to asphyxiation.

Upon Rene's death, the warden of the Isle of Pines advised Castro that he had Rene's brother in custody. Fidel first ordered that he be executed, but then asked if

there were any more "Silvas," and when the warden answered "No," Fidel authorized Ulises' release, apparently in an effort to quell the uproar that ensued after the deaths of Rene and others captured in the invasion. Because Ulises was unaware of his brother's death, he assumed he was being transferred to another Cuban prison. Instead, he was taken to Havana and put on a plane headed to Miami.

After being released in Miami, Ulises eventually married. A year and a half later, his son was born, and named "Rene" for the brother Ulises had lost. In 1978, Rene and his father took a road trip from Miami to Canada, stopping at Fort Defiance on the way home. AMA was still open and Rene's father showed him around, saying that he wanted to demonstrate the difference between how he went to school and how Rene's generation went to school.

Credits AMA

During the visit to AMA, Ulises credited the school with training him to accept any hardship that didn't violate his principles. To this day, Rene believes strongly that everyone needs a fountain - something to draw on. He believes AMA was the fountain that Ulises drew on, along with his Catholic faith, to enable him to hold on to his principles, and to live rather than give up and die in prison. Rene Silva was eager to tell his story for publication in the *Bayonet* because he wanted to show the rest of the alumni how special they are. He wanted all alumni to know that, *"I don't know how you quantify the effect AMA had on your life. However, you all have something special that can be tapped if something bad happens."*

How does this story of Ulises Silva and his son Rene end? Unfortunately, after surviving the Isle of Pines, starting over in Miami, and owning a successful shrimp commodity in Miami, Ulises met an untimely death in December 1980. He was having a business dinner at 8th and 22nd in Miami when he went to get his car. The alley leading to his car was narrow, and Ulises tried to get past two men who were fighting. One of the men shot and killed him. Rene was 16 years old at the time.

Some years after his father's death, Rene saw two people pull guns on each other over a parking space in Little Havana. Rene then moved seeking a quieter and safer life in Florence, Alabama where he lived for the past five years. There he married Tara Behel from Green Hill, Alabama (population 1,000) and they now have a son.



Photo by B. J. d'Orsay, '70
Tara and Rene Silva at Reunion 2010. They went on the Friday tour of Staunton which included a stop at Sunspots where glassblowers fashion beautiful objects.

Introduction of Ironbeer

Just as his father Ulises did before him, Rene is working to bring new products to the United States. Through Atlantic Commodities, he is working to introduce the popular Cuban soft drink "Ironbeer" to northern Alabama.

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Thank you, Rene and Tara, for bringing the inspirational story of Ulises Silva, Class of 1952, to our attention. We hope to see you at future AMA reunions - perhaps with an Ironbeer in hand!

Steve Barber, '78 debuts *Unbeaten* at Walter Reed Army Hospital in D.C.

Unbeaten, a documentary film directed by Steve Barber, '78, chronicles the exploits of 31 paraplegics as they make their way in wheelchairs and handcycles over a 267 mile treacherous course in Alaska. The film premiered at Walter Reed Army Hospital in the Nation's Capital before an appreciative audience of soldiers who had been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Barber was interviewed on CNN, ABC and FOX News in the company of a trooper who had lost a leg to an IED. *Unbeaten* is narrated by Dan Aykroyd and took three years to make.

The course is the famous Sadler's Alaska Challenge which includes among other things a climb up a 10,000 foot mountain. The film chronicles the incredible planning, training and exertion that allowed these 31 fellows to complete the course. A clip of the movie can be found at: <http://www.unbeatenthemovie.com>.

Sergeant Joe from page 42

you. You were our inspiration! I think of you often. From Dan Rapp: Having the chance to play on such a talented, exciting team with a wonderful coach was one of the great experiences of my life. From Roy Stauffer: You were always one of my favorite people who I met at AMA. My wife, Marla, is coming with me and I want her to meet you.



Top, left, Doug Carter, '72, right, gives a museum tour to a guest. Doug has volunteered to take Sergeant Joe's weekly turn at the museum.

Top, right, Billy Sturgis, '75, looks over a yearbook at the museum. Nassawadox, VA is his home town.



Left, Goodloe Saunders, '57, explains the museum to ladies on the Virginia Garden Tour.

Right, students from the Stewart Middle School on their annual tour of the museum. Teachers give a quiz and the answers can only be found in the museum.



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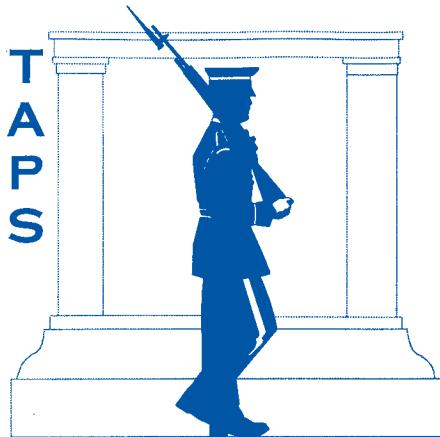


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Hubert H. Parker, '24
 1996. No details available.

William Knox, '42
 7 March 2010. No details. Charleston, WV. At AMA: at that time, the longest attendance of any cadet: seven years. Captain, D Company; Honor Committee; varsity boxing; Monogram Club.



Bill Knox,
1942 Recall

Loy Cotton Collingwood, '43
 26 April 2010, 85. After graduating from AMA, enlisted in the Army Air Corps and earned a commission as a navigator/bomber in the Pacific Theater with more than 30 B-29 missions over Japan for which he received multiple decorations. After the war, attended University of Pittsburgh, Phi Gamma Delta. MBA, University of Richmond. Vice President International, H. K. Porter Company. Helped build the world's largest desalination plant in Jubail, Saudi Arabia. Settled in Williamsburg where he was President of the James City County Rotary Club.

Sons of the American Revolution life-time member. Following his retirement, wrote an historical biography about his war experiences. Survived by his wife, Virginia, who he married in Chicago in 1958; sons Loy Hartman of Richmond and Allen Kirkpatrick Collingwood of Boerne, TX and a daughter, Claudia Anne of Virginia Beach; six grandchildren. At AMA: Hearst Trophy Rifle Championship, Sergeant, B Company; rifle team; golf team; Monogram Club; Vice President of YMCA; Recall and Bayonet staffs.



Loy
Collingwood,
1943 Recall

Latimer V. Stanley, '45
 9 May 2010, in Roanoke, 81. Graduate of Duke University, member of Kappa Sigma. Served in the US Air Force honorably discharged at the rank of 1st lieutenant. Worked with his father and brother, **John W. Stanley, Jr., '45**, in the family business, Blue Ridge Transfer until 1973, then had a career in insurance and financial management. Fifty year member of Second Presbyterian Church, avid hiker of the Blue Ridge. Survived by his wife, Mary Stuart Cocke Stanley; five children, Dorothy Hart, Mary Hilliard Stanley, Ellen Booth, Richard Stanley and Virginia Streit; and three grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, D Company; JV foot-ball, wrestling, Best New Cadet, Best NCO, White Page.



Latimer
Stanley,
1945 Bayonet

Brigadier General
Robert Bradford, '47
 21 March 2010, Midlothian, VA, 81. Graduate of North Carolina State. Served in the US Army in Korea during the Korean War and retired as a brigadier general after 31 years. Active

in the Brandermill Community Association and the YMCA Indian Princess Program. Survived by his wife of 30 years, Bonnie; daughters, Amanda Bradford of Midlothian and Cindy Avery of Alpharetta, GA; sons, Joe of Richmond and Brad. Grandchildren Jessica and Patrick Avery, Luke Bradford. First cousin of **Bob Bradford, '50**. At AMA: Band Company, basketball, football.



Bob Bradford,
1947 Recall

William MacGregor Harris, '48
 18 March 2010, Brenham, TX, 80. Rancher, insurance agent, raconteur, operator of Heart of My Heart Bed and Breakfast in Round Top, TX. Bill wrote a book about his love for Frances entitled *Heart of My Heart*. U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, 1st lieutenant. University of Texas. Round Top Rifle Club, Men's Club at Episcopal Church; trustee, the University of Texas at Winedale; Scoutmaster, 1969-71. Survived by his



Bill Harris,
1948 Recall

wife, Frances, six children and seven grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, B Company; Roller Rifles; varsity football playing on the National Champion Orchid Bowl team; swimming; Honor Committee; Sergeant at Arms, Student Body; tennis; Cotillion Club; *Ab Astra per Aspera*.

Leonard Pondfield, '49
 5 May 2009, Baltimore. Owned a men's clothing store until 1986 when he retired for the first time. He came out of retirement to become the office administrator for an ex-customer in the wholesale flower business. He retired again after 14 years. President of condo board. World traveler. Survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol; children, Caryn Zolotorow of Owings Mills, MD, Jodie Silver of Owings Mill,



**Leonard
Pondfield,
1949 Recall**



**Abey Dabney,
1951 Recall**

Company; Tiger football; Junior baseball, Bible Class.

Nicholas Crump, '56

26 February 2010, pancreatic cancer, 71. Attended Saint Christopher's in Richmond. Served in the U. S. Navy. Great-great-great grandson of the 17th President of the United States, Andrew Johnson. Owned a wholesale distribution corporation



**Nick Crump,
1956 Recall**

until he went to the E. A. Holsten Corporation as the Vice President of Sales. After 16 years, he joined Jenn Air Corporation. Was a senior loan officer when he retired because of health problems in 2003. Survived by his wife of 40 years, Renee Ouellette; a daughter, Martha Holder; grandsons Taylor Crump, III, David Crump, Ryan Crump and Jason Holder; great-grandchildren, Christa Sue and Christopher Holder. Interred at the Arlington National Cemetery 13 April

Laurie Utstein of Newton, MA, and Mindy Stone of Providence, RI; grandchildren Scott and Emily Zolotorow, Jamie and Brian Silver, Rachael, Amanda and Jenny Utstein, and Ben and Lila Stone. At AMA: Manager, A Company Swim Team; A Company.

**Adrian "Abey"
Dabney, '51**

17 April 2010, Augusta Health, Fishersville, 77. Lived in Staunton. Worked for Vector Industries in Waynesboro and supported a number of area charities. Survived by five sons. At AMA: Sergeant 1st Class, B

Company; Tiger football; Junior baseball, Bible Class.

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2010. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, Band Company; lacrosse; Cotillion Club.

Barry Riddle, '65

9 October 2009, at home in Frederick County, MD, 62. Retired as an Amtrak employee at Union Station with 25 years of service. Mason. President and



**Barry Riddle,
1965 Recall**

football coach of HMB Boys and Girls Club. Survived by his wife, Linda Rush Riddle, two sons: Timothy Riddle of Seattle, WA and Michael Riddle of Ranson, WV; and a granddaughter, Meghan. At AMA: sergeant, Recall ad editor.

**Joseph Ireland,
'70**

April 2010. No details. AMA: Band Company



**Joseph Ireland
1970 Recall**

13 February 2010, Roswell, GA, 56. Worked for WBE, a printing equipment company in Atlanta. His territory covered Virginia to Florida. Survived by his twin brother,



**Grif Lohman,
1972 Recall**

**Dean Lohman,
'72**, a sister, Kay Sturgis of Virginia Beach, and a daughter, Acica of Charleston, SC. Preceeded in death by his father **Herbert L. Lohman, '47**, and also his uncle, **Southgate Lee Lohman, '45**. At AMA: Captain, C Company; JV football; JV and varsity lacrosse; Honor Roll; Roller Rifles; Recall staff; Quill and Scroll; Privilege List.

Master Sergeant Sivert Josephson
See page 6

Sergeant Major Rudolph Haynie
24 March 2010, Heathsville, VA, 81. Military instructor at AMA 1956-59 and

Massanutten Military Academy 1964-66. 20 years of service with overseas service in the Korean War. Member, Old Guard, Fort Myer, VA. Survived by his wife, Anne; daughters, Jennifer Smith of Reidsville, VA, Teresa Hollis of Fairfax Station, VA, and Susan McFarland of

Topeka, KS; sons, Colonel Clinton Haynie, USA, and LTC Russell Haynie, USA; sister, Alma Conrad of Kilmarnock, VA; brother, Paul, of Fairport, VA; and eleven grandchildren.

What is an appropriate way to remember a classmate, teacher, parent or friend?

Many AMA alumni and friends have found that placing an order for a memorial paver to be installed on the campus is a fitting tribute to someone who was important in his or her life.



For years to come, people will stop to read the messages on these pavers. You will find an order blank on page 65 and samples of pavers which are already in place at AMA.

They have heard their last Taps. Listed here are those whose deaths have been reported to us since Reunion 2009. Some passed away several years ago but have just been reported to us. May they rest in eternal peace.

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*Leonard Pondfield, '49
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*Master Sergeant Joe Josephson
Sergeant Major Ernie Mines
Lieutenant Rudolph Haynie*



The AMA PX would like to thank all of the Alumni and volunteers who helped to make the 2010 Reunion one to remember. A special thanks to **Bob Harris, Dave Conrad and Jerry Arnold** for their help manning the PX at the Holiday Inn and **Ben Zinkhan, Doug Carter and Warren Fleming** for their help with the PX at the Museum. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make the AMA PX realize the best sales in recent history. We were able to liquidate much of our older stock as we added new items. It is our goal to keep an ever changing inventory and bring to the PX items you will want to bring into your homes. We always welcome your suggestions for new and different items to stock; remember, it is your PX.

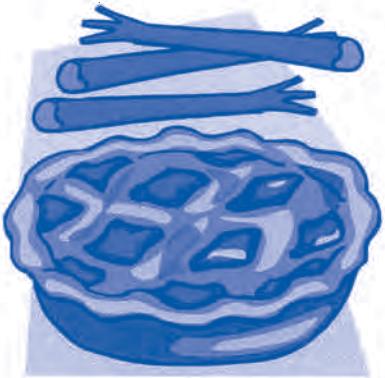
Please stay tuned as we progress during the 2010 year. Our hopes are to set up the AMA PX right on our website and avoid the fees that we are currently paying eBay. This will allow us to raise more money for the Association and Foundation while keeping our pricing affordable and it will also make multiple purchases less confusing while making it easier to define shipping costs by allowing us to utilize a "shopping cart". We want to continue to grow our PX and hope you will stop by often to see what new items we have added to our inventory. There is no better way to pass the AMA experience on to your children and grandchildren than with a gift from our AMA PX.



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Be on the lookout for information on the first AMA Yard/Garage Sale. **Jerry Arnold '66**, will be having such a sale on the AMA Campus on Labor Day weekend. See the ad in this issue, then check the AMA website for later details.

AMA COOKBOOK



*We are creating a cookbook
from "The People of AMA"*

Anyone connected with AMA is happily encouraged to send in their favorite recipes. We know that many AMA women are excellent cooks and have wonderful recipes but we want some of you men to send in recipes too! Children, grandchildren, friends - all are welcome!

Guidelines below:

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All recipes **MUST** include the name of the person it is being submitted by and that person's association with AMA (Ex: Heather Doty, daughter of Garry Granger, '71)

All recipes **MAY** include a sentimental story about the recipe in 50 words or less, please

Recipes **MUST** be received ASAP but no later than 31 October 2010



We are looking for a name for the cookbook!

Send in your suggested name and
we will pick one of the submitted entries.

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This is a fundraiser for AMA!

Our goal is to have the cookbooks
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If you have not yet made a 2010 contribution to AMA, now is the perfect time to do so!

Most of you don't realize that I have a brother who attended AMA. He wasn't a long term occupant like his predecessor, he was a year-and-a-half guy who attended grudgingly and under protest. Paul's biggest problem with Augusta wasn't the academics; he was a better student than I. It wasn't the semi-confinement that stuck in his claw, nor did he have a strong distaste or objection to authority. Nope, it wasn't the discipline or the regimentation that drew Paul's ire. My brother's major complaint with Augusta Military Academy was the food.

Now, I have to admit that my opinion of Augusta's culinary offerings is less than glowing. But I am more practical where food is concerned than my brother. To me, (particularly in my teens) quantity out-weighed quality. Regardless of how unpalatable the substances on my plate appeared or tasted, I normally had the intestinal fortitude to get them into my stomach. Even on days when the food was extraordinarily challenging and the very smell of the Mess Hall was an assault on my olfactory senses, I knew I could survive skipping a couple meals until the following morning's breakfast.

Not even **Captain Peduto** had the capacity to screw up a box of Frosted Flakes or Cheerios when the oily fried eggs slip-sliding around on the big stainless steel platters, arrived at the table cold. Despite it all, if you ate what was served, it was hard to leave the Mess Hall hungry. Besides, in a pinch, there were always the ever present Pecan Swirls. While I don't have even the most remote clue as to the total number of Pecan Swirls I consumed over a seven year period...it was a lot. That the number might actually breach into the thousands would not shock me. But I have not eaten one since June of 1972. In fact, I can barely handle the sight of one today, never mind eat it.

While, as a subjective observation, the food at Augusta's Mess Hall was at the low end of adequate, it wasn't gruel at Auschwitz either. And too, in the back of my mind, I knew that both **Colonel Hoover** and **Molly Canevat** survived for decades on Mess Hall food and, if they could do it, so could I.

My brother would not agree with me. Still, in all fairness, he attended Augusta in 1978, six years after I graduated. Things change. While I personally can't fathom the Mess Hall food getting worse than what I endured, I wouldn't be so brazen as to rule it out. I do know that after joining the service in 1973, I use to laugh at soldiers who complained about Army chow. After AMA, Army mess halls were like dining at the Ritz. Indeed, when I was stationed in Panama, the Mess Hall food was so good I took all my lunch meals there even though I lived only a quarter of a mile from work. I even use to find excuses to eat some of my evening meals there in order to avoid my wife's cooking: "Sorry, honey, the boss man needs me to work late tonight, I'll just grab something to eat at the damned Mess Hall." It wasn't so much that I wanted to deceive her, it was just that sex was still important to me back then. But back to my brother.

Paul's dislike for AMA food was so profound that it drove him to drastic acts. I'm talking AWOL here. That's right, he'd go AWOL just to get a home cooked meal. Now, I went AWOL all the time, but my absences were inherently short term, temporary events that usually involved females and I was always back in time for my next formation. Paul's AWOL activities were intended to be permanent or at least long enough for Mom to cook him a good meal before he was unceremoniously deposited back to the Front Arch. Of course, this resulted in a cruise ship load of tours which further reinforced the belief that AMA wasn't for him, no matter how many years his older brother had attended. I never really understood his mind set. With my track record at Augusta, Paul had a real opportunity to shine.

My brother went AWOL three times in one year, but one event was particularly classic. Paul had decided that he'd had quite enough of AMA and its Mess Hall, so off he went hitchhiking up Interstate 81 en route to Ellicott City, Maryland. From our house to Augusta was roughly a three hour drive. Hitchhiking time, of course, is an unknown quantity. When my brother arrived at the house he caught heck from my folks but still my saintly Mother stuffed him full of "real" food.

The next day they loaded his delinquent butt into the car and drove him back to Augusta. As I mentioned, Paul's AWOL activities were intended to be permanent, so as my folks drove out the Front Gate leaving Paul in the grips of culinary cruelty, he headed back out to Interstate 81. A tenacious, driven young man, was my brother! I guess **Colonel Livick** is lucky Paul and I didn't attend school at the same time. The good Lord only knows what might have happened.

There is a restaurant in (I think) Front Royal where, if you are traveling to my old home, you leave I-81 to get to it. It's a delightful country inn with great food (at least it was, you never know, things can go down hill) that was a favorite for my family whenever we were making trips to or from Augusta. So, my folks, being creatures of habit, decided to have dinner there on the way back to Maryland.

Upon their arrival home, they walked in to find Paul sitting at the kitchen table. He had managed to get back to the house before they did! Needless to say, all hell broke loose at the Hash house. Mom called Augusta and managed to get Colonel Hoover on the phone. While I wasn't privy to what must have been a delicious conversation, Colonel Hoover assured my folks that if they put Paul on a bus to Staunton, he'd be there to pick him up.

My folks made a deal with Paul after that event, that if he didn't go AWOL for the rest of the year and kept his grades up, he could attend the school of his choosing for his last year of high school. Of course, Paul chose to go to the school where his girl friend attended, a private school in Maryland. I can't really blame him, had it been possible, I would have attended Stuart Hall in a heartbeat, no matter how vile their cafeteria food might have been.

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// HASH MARKS //

from Jim Hash, '72



TRADING CAPS - Just before leaving his command in Afghanistan, USMC BG Larry Nicholson, '75, traded caps with Afghan BG Muhayadin Ghori in a show of camaraderie.

Brotherhood

Tom DelValle and Alex Wattay

Alex Wattay, '53, was an American Airlines captain before his retirement.

Tom DelValle, '73, is a Senior Vice President at American Airlines.

Tom read of Alex's illness in *The Bayonet* and phoned him one day. Al said, "We had a very pleasant conversation about this and that. Then, Tom asked me what was my favorite plane to fly and I told him while I liked them all, the DC-10 was and is my favorite."

Soon after the call, Tom's secretary called Alex to tell him to be on the lookout for a package which would arrive Friday of that week. She asked that Alex call to confirm that he had received the parcel.

Friday came and the package came. Inside was a perfect model of an American DC-10 which, Alex says, "they don't make any more." There were also commemorative AA coins and letters from Tom and other American officials.

And a pennant. Alex recalled that when American flew DC-3s, "The copilot had a job immediately after landing to affix an American Airlines pennant to the outside of the cockpit. One of those rarest of things was also in the box."

All this happened the same day that Alex had gotten a call telling him that his cancer was inoperable.

He did call Tom's secretary but was so overcome with emotion that he could only verify that the package arrived. Since then, he has written to all concerned expressing his sincere appreciation.

And since then, his tumor has shrunk and as he continues his chemo treatments through June, hope shines more brightly than before, a shine that glints off that beautiful DC-10 now in Alex's study on Hilton Head Island.

The Last Hurrah for the Roller Rifles will be at Reunion 2011. Watch for details in the Fall issue and prepare now to participate.



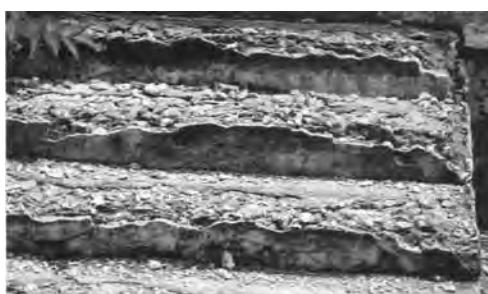
MISSOURI MILITARY LAD - Jefferson Green, the son of Scott Green, '63, is now a cadet at Missouri Military Academy on an AMA/MMA Scholarship. Shown above are father and son with MMA Superintendent USMC MG Robert Flanagan.

Reunion 2011 dates are announced

The 2011 AMA Alumni Reunion will be held in Staunton and Fort Defiance on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 14-16 April. Mark those dates on your 2011 calendar now.

OOPS

In the Winter 2010 issue, we neglected to list **Edwin Davis, '66**, as a Blue Leader contributor to AMA. We also misspelled a couple of names under the photo from the Staunton *News Leader* of local 1953 AMA graduates. **Bill Kivilighan** had his name spelled incorrectly and the fellow identified as **Sam Waters** is in fact **Sam Martin**. Thanks to **Tommy Simmons** for catching those errors.



Any ideas about what the photo at left shows?

Let us hear your guess at AMABayonet @aol.com



Roller Society members who passed on honored



Two members of the Roller Society had passed away between Reunion 2009 and Reunion 2010 and they were honored in ceremonies in front of the AMA Museum during the 2010 reunion. **Robert Spilman, '45, and Dolores Toombs**, the mother of **Garry Granger, '71**, were remembered.

Garry laid a single rose on his mother's memorial paver while **LTC Steve Trent, '70**, paid that honor to Spilman. (see photo above)

The Roller Society Paver Garden esteems Roller Society members who have left something to AMA after their lifetimes.



25 YEARS - The Staunton Ovation, which has performed at seven AMA reunions, celebrated its 25th anniversary at the 2010 reunion. President Rovirosa gave a plaque to Acting Director David McMillan while the audience in the gym sang Happy Birthday. Ovation Founders Ray and Carolyn Hoaster were in Europe at the time but were warmly remembered by all.



Roller Rifles "Last Hurrah" set for the 2011 reunion

The Roller Rifles, representing the very best of AMA, will march one last time at Reunion 2011. AMA Alumni President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, is calling on all former Roller Rifles members to turn out for next year's reunion.

Linda Roller Livick was there when the Roller Rifles was created and named in honor of her father and **General Roller's** son, **Charles S. Roller, III**. She was the Honorary Vice Commander through the Rifles' entire history while the school was in operation. She will be invited to have a major role in next year's celebration.

Watch for a big announcement in the Fall issue!



REFLECTED in the glass which protects President Wilson's limousine, AMA reunion goers leave the 28th President's birthplace.



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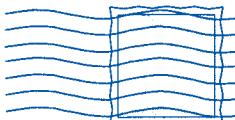
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Letters to the Editor



Reunion: a family affair

As the Holiday Inn gleefully counts its profits and Augusta's museum and campus return to serenity, I find myself caught between joy and sadness. Augusta's Gathering of the Clan for 2010 has passed. As I see it, other schools have reunions while Augusta has a gathering of family whose ties are as strong as blood, whose noble heritage is held in the highest esteem.

They of all races, religions and creeds, reigning from all points in and out of the United States, molding into something unique and vibrant, strong and compassionate, the AMA Cadet.

While I may be saddened that farewells have been exchanged, I am comforted in knowing that the passing of twelve months will once again bring my people, the Clan, together.

I believe there is something truly unique about Augusta that infected many of those who attended and bound us in ways I am ill equipped to define. I just know that it is there, living within us, moving us to a celebratory annual migration that few schools could achieve, never mind, sustain.

And it is even more telling when realizing that the school in question is a defunct institution whose previous attendees refuse to allow it to pass into the night to an unread history of dubious value.

There is a solidarity of voice, a body politic that demands acknowledgement and recognition for both its individual and accumulative achievements, lassoed by a brotherhood that has survived for 145 years. It is humbling. It is inspiring. It is beautiful.

I cannot gaze upon the proud fortress-like face of our school, the broken windows and decaying plaster littering the ground at her dying feet, without hearing the raucous voices of the cadets who once gave her life, who once gave her meaning and purpose.

And in her death throes, I see her smile upon her surviving children, reaching out to them, pleading with them to carry on her legacy: to stand when it's easier to sit, to build when it's easier to destroy, to unite when it's easier to walk away, to seek knowledge and bare witness to the truth.

And so as I write these words, I look forward to next April when I can once again surround myself with a family of friends, sharing and reveling in memories that only we can understand. Such a privilege it is for me to find myself amongst you.

God bless you all.
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Jim Hash, '72
 Reynolds, GA



Jim Hash reads *Cadet's Lament*, at the reunion Saturday lunch.

Too few helped so many

I wanted to tell everyone how great the reunion was and to thank you for all the hard work and planning to make it happen. I was quite impressed with how you even controlled the weather and kept the rain away!

It is amazing to me how many activities are included in the reunion weekend. They were all meaningful but there were so few helping so many. Many of us were concerned about our classmates **Frank Williamson, Ben Zinkhan and Luke Snyder** who seemed to be working too hard to enjoy the reunion. I hope that everyone has the great memories that Millie and I have.

Bill McVey, '60
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Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

About Sergeant Joe

Life keeps surprising me. Joe came to the House on Sunday when I was volunteering. He wanted to be sure that the new exhibits would be ready for the reunion. Five days later, he was gone. This is very hard for me to believe.

Victor Gomez, '69
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Alexandria, VA

Sergeant Joe and Sergeant **Ernie Mines** are now trading AMA stories on the big parade ground in the sky. It was a privilege and an honor to have been his student and his friend.

Doug Pennock, '72
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San Juan, PR

Checking my e-mail by phone is not something I often do. The last thing I thought I would read was that Sergeant Joe was gone. He was always an inspiration to me. I am saddened and I simply have no words.

Brett Thompson, '75
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Waynesboro, VA

With our loss, heaven is a better place. I know the angels are singing but I am crying. He was my model, my mentor, my guide and my confidant, but mostly my dear friend.

First Sergeant Don Studer
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On the road

I had Sergeant Joe placed in the Palm Sunday prayers at St. John's Church in Richmond. When his name was read, it brought up many emotions I had not expected. Joe had a big influence in big and small ways on all of us, not just as young cadets but as adults. I found it appropriate that his dedicated service would be remembered in the House of Worship where Patrick Henry gave his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, a church that stands for the very freedoms that Joe fought to protect.

Bud Oakey, '70
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Richmond, VA

I have a long personal history with Sergeant Josephson. He was my A Company sponsor my senior year. He also coached our great 1970 basketball team. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Jorge Rovirosa, '70
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Miami, FL

The Roller Society

The Roller Society honors those who give to the AMA Alumni Foundation after their lifetimes. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Funding the AMA and VMI Scholarships, maintaining and improving our AMA Museum and supporting the printing and mailing of The Bayonet.

The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

Members of the Roller Society as of 2 June 2010

NEW MEMBER

Bruce Crum, '72

ACTIVE

Colonel Mal Livick

Linda Roller Livick

Noelle Nicholson

Tina Shafer

Donald Studer

Tom Roller, '36

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Rod Willey, '51

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John Botcheller, '67

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Willis Walker, '71

Mark Femrite, '72

Lewie Kennett, '72

Doug Pennock, '72

P. J. Thomson, '72

Al Zayas, '72

Tom DelValle, '73

Gary Gertz, '75

Chris Meek, '84

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Dolores H. Toombs

Joseph Salicrup, '31

Mickey Gordon, '39

Jack Jansing, '43

Herb McCawley, '43

Robert Spilman, '45

Carroll Knicely, '46

Paul Bratton, '48

Dr. H. D. "Buddy" Deane, '48

Bill Harris, '48

Jeanne (Mrs. Clyde, '49) Ramsey

Dr. John Morris, '49

Terry Snow, '58

Gary Nicholson, '70



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The Apple Blossom Parade – but what year?



Above and left, the Corps of Cadets boards the train for Winchester and the annual Apple Blossom Parade. But what year was it? A note found with the photos says that Bing Crosby was the parade marshall. Does that give you a clue to the year?



The train obviously is from the steam era and the cars are from the Chesapeake and Western RR which ran from Staunton on up the Valley. The C&W (known as the Cuss and Wait by Mary Baldwin, Madison, AMA and SMA students) ran a special train every April to take the Corps to Winchester – a four hour ride in rickety coaches over untrue rails. Some time after this year, buses replaced the train for the trip to Winchester.

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buildings, those who provide and receive the education: the students, the administrators, and especially the teachers. When we walk around the empty campus today, we are not just remembering the buildings as they were. We are remembering the people that we encountered coming in and out of them: the young men and leaders that taught us so much more than just the basic subjects did.

We can all agree that our teachers had a very big impact on our lives. When I arrived here as a ten-year-old boy from a foreign country, speaking a foreign language, educated in a foreign culture, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I had no idea if I was capable of doing anything. Thankfully, there were a few teachers here at Augusta Military Academy who encouraged me, and allowed me to grow and develop in important ways.

Each teacher I'm going to mention played a significant part in molding my character to face the ups and downs of life with humility and fortitude.

As a Cadet in Junior Barracks, I rapidly came under the influence of my 6th grade teacher, **Mrs. Elsie McKinney**, a sweet, lovable "Southern Lady" who helped me excell in spelling at that young age. **Mrs. Gladys Davis** came next in 7th grade. Mrs. Davis, together with her husband, **Captain Oscar Davis**, who taught high school history, took care of Junior Barracks. They helped us get used to living away from home and were a consolation to many of us suffering from "home sickness."

Before entering high school, my parents decided I skip the 8th grade at AMA, which I completed in a Havana school.

I entered high school at AMA in the 1949-1950 school year and attended AMA until graduating in 1953.

Becoming a fireman

Those high school years were supposed to prepare me for college. Although I toyed with the idea of being a fireman, creating much anxieties in my parents, things changed when I had Captain, later Colonel, **Charles "Doc" Savedge** as a teacher my junior year. How many of you remember Doc Savedge? No one who knew "Doc," or took a course from him, ever forgot him. He was my chemistry, biology, and geology teacher, in that order. To me his presentation of chemistry was so interesting and compelling that I resolved then and there to become a chemical engineer. However, I soon learned that a chemical engineer needs more than an understanding of chemistry. An understanding of chemistry will suffice to anyone wanting to be a chemist. The chemist deals with test tubes and ounces of chemicals. A chemical engineer deals with huge vats and thousands of pounds of chemicals that have to be pumped, dried, processed, transported. To be a chemical engineer I also needed to have a foundation of mathematics and physics in order to comprehend subjects like structural analysis, machine design, strength of materials, fluid mechanics, thermo-dynamics.

Fortunately, as far as mathematics were concerned, I had been lucky to have had **Major McCrum** as my algebra teacher in my sophomore year. Major McCrum constructed a very strong math foundation for me. His lectures were clear, easily understood. To those who were affected by "math aversion," he explained that mathematics was nothing more than a language. It was the "language of Nature." To discover and use Nature's secrets for our benefits, a scientist had to use math to conduct a dialogue with nature and unlock them. It made a lot of sense to me.

Major, then **Colonel Hoover** was next with more "dialogs with Nature," only this time the language was called "geometry." With the clear understanding of basic algebra and geometry, senior physics under **Colonel McCue**, a brilliant teacher in his own right, became "manageable." Physics was about how Nature behaved. Math explained how to harness this behavior.

Major McCrum, **Colonel Savedge**, **Colonel Hoover**, **Colonel McCue** all shared one characteristic which is what distinguishes a **GOOD Teacher** from a "Not so Good" one: They had infinite patience, instant availability, and loyal dedication to their profession. So, I went to the Colorado School of Mines to study Chemical Engineering and thanks to those teachers, I did well.

There were two other very important teachers who had a positive impact on my life. I'm sure some of you remember Captain, later **Colcnel Koogler**. He opened my eyes to the joys of reading literature. I would listen enthralled as Capt Koogler would dissect a key line in a Shakespeare play. "Is this a dagger before me, the handle toward my hand..... etc...." How many engineers do you know who can recite "Macbeth?" I think Colonel Koogler did one heck of a job on me!

There's no doubt in my mind you will remember the principal and owner of the school, Major, then Colonel, later **General Charles Summerville Roller Jr**, the "Old Boss" youngest son. He was known far and wide by his family "nickname," "The Big Boy." "The Big Boy" was the soul of AMA. He loved to teach College Algebra and Chemistry. I am sure that no one who took Chemistry with "The Big Boy" has forgotten the "Three Great Acids and Four Great Bases!"

General Roller's Mess Hall speeches

I did not have the privilege of taking any courses from "The Big Boy," but in many impromptu and inspiring speeches he frequently delivered in the Mess Hall and in "The Big Room," he would lecture us on the values we needed to have to become productive citizens. His educational principle was "make a boy, not break a boy." That principle paid huge dividends in developing the youth of our nation intrusted to his care.

"The Big Boy" taught us morals, citizenship, love of our country; and, above all, he made us proud to be AMA Cadets. As an engineer and scientist, I owe much to Savedge, McCue, McCrum, and Hoover. As a cultured person, I owe much to Koogler. For learning how a human being should comport itself in our society, I owe it all to "The Big Boy." He was my "surrogate father figure" while away at AMA. Looking back, I think he did a good job.

General Roller taught all of us students to live according to our school motto, "Ad Astra per Aspera." To the stars through difficulties. General Roller knew that despite our education, there would always be difficulties in our lives. Our education here helped us prepare to meet many of those difficulties. I'm sure many of you can confirm that.

AMA not only gave me an education, but taught me the value of friendship. At AMA, I made the best friends I ever had: **Lew Mundin, Terry DuVal, John Bowers, Jay Fox, Alex Wattay, Jock Bair, Ozzie Ferro, Ernie Calvo, Whit Sessoms** ... I could go on and on.... All friends who became friends for life.

It's telling that after four years of college, despite the fact that I knew many people at CSM, I came out of it with only ONE good life-long friend. Later, in graduate school, after I finished my MBA at Central Michigan University, I didn't know ONE person I could consider a FRIEND. I have been back to Colorado School of Mines only once. I have yet to go to a reunion at Central Michigan. Yet, I have been back more than six or seven times to AMA since my graduation. Honestly, I have lost count!

Where my friends are

To me, AMA is where my friends are, where my heart is. Years after graduating from AMA, when I lived in Rome, Italy, and worked as a research engineer in Firestone's International Research and Development Center, invariably around Christmas time, the phone would ring late at night and a familiar voice would say: "Hi Greaser! (Political Correctness was still far into the future then....) I am calling from Richmond. A bunch of your friends and I are having a few beers and we wanted you to know that we are

thinking about you and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!" I always had trouble holding back the tears!

Teachers were not the only persons who had an influence on me. An example of a fellow Cadet having an influence on me is **Scott Momaday**. Scott is a Kiowa-Cherokee Native American. He was born in a reservation and lived most of his life on one. Although I knew Scott superficially, it turned out that Scott Momaday was one of the declaimers competing for the declaiming medal at the final meeting of the 1952 year of the Junior Ciceronian Literary Society.

Mrs Robinson, (Maggie Bell Roller), was the sponsor. Belonging to the Society was voluntary. I was a member, so I was in the audience. Scott commanded an impressive presence as he walked up to the microphone to recite Alfred Noyes classic "The Highwayman." Never before had I heard Scott recite a poem. From the moment his booming baritone voice intoned the initial stanzas I was transfixed: "The wind was a torrent of darkness..." – He gripped me and kept me enthralled until the end. I did not know that the English language could be so beautiful. That day I decided to include poetry among my extracurricular subjects, and to compete as a declaimer the following year, which I did.

After Scott Momaday's AMA graduation in '52, he attended and graduated from the University of Arizona and became a well known writer of Native American themed books. In 1969, Scott won the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction for his novel "House Made of Dawn," credited with the breakthrough of Native-American Literature into mainstream American literature. President Bush awarded Scott Momaday the National Medal of the Arts in 2007.

So what happened in the final 1953 Junior Ciceronian Literary Society meeting where I wanted to compete for the declaimers medal? Well, Mrs. Robinson chose for me the World War One epic poem by Robert William Service "Jean Desprez." "Hear ye whose hearts are resonant and ring to war's romance....."

Winning the Declaimer Medal

I recited the poem from memory and 20 minutes later, I had won THAT year's ('53) declaimer's medal. In addition to Mrs Robinson, I also quietly thanked Scott Momaday for "showing me the way...." As I left "The Big Room" at the end of the meeting, I ran into my friend Whit Sessions. Whit was not really into poetry. He was not much into anything "curricular" but he was into long distance swimming and an effective member of the Swimming Team. He was also a consummate body builder, selected "Best Built Cadet" every year he was at AMA. Whit was also heavily into "sleeping." He was the first to turn his light out at night and the last to "fall in" at the morning reveille formation. He slept through much of his daily classes. We called Whit, of course, "Sleepy."

As I walked out of The Big Room after the meeting, Whit came up to me, and in his "laid-back, sleepy" way, said: "Hey, Greaser, that was good. I stayed awake the whole time!" I could not ask for more. That was his way to compliment me and from him, it was worth more than all the medals in the world.

Today, I also want to mention my dear friend Alex Wattay. Alex and I have been life-long friends. We were friends despite the fact that we also sometimes competed with each other while at AMA. We had a lot in common. We were teammates in varsity wrestling. He excelled in academics and beat me for first place in the '53 graduating class by 0.2 of a point. Yet, losing to a friend like Alex was not a "loss" for me, it was an honor.

Alex went on to the Naval Academy. After graduating, he flew Navy jets in unarmed reconnaissance missions out of the carrier Kitty Hawk in the Vietnam War and earned multiple decorations for Valor. He retired from the Navy as a lieutenant commander and flew for American Airlines for many years until his retirement about ten years ago. "Ad Astra per Aspera." Once again, today, Alex is truly living that AMA motto as he battles with a new adversary,

stomach cancer. Alex is just one example of the type of individual who had his character and personality forged by the dedication and intellect of the many teachers who abounded at Augusta Military Academy. As a lifelong friend of mine I can tell you that Alex was one of the many Cadets who carried the "AMA Spirit" throughout his life. I am sure you all know many others.

Now, given the state of things around this world, I am sure the Lord is very busy trying to keep things from getting out of hand. But, I will appreciate if you join me in trying to get His attention to tell Him that Alex is the kind of person this world needs more of, and to please look out after Alex and his family. Alex and his family will appreciate your support, and in their name, I will now anticipate a "thank you." There will be no greater joy for me than to be able to give a healthy Alex Wattay a BIG HUG here in next year's reunion.

And so, as we conclude this 40th year anniversary alumni reunion, I would like for all of us who attended this great institution to once again take a moment to remember the school and the experiences we look back on with enjoyment and fondness today. Back then it didn't always seem so rosy. But now we can see that it really was a great time in our lives.

We have some great activities planned for the rest of the day, and I do not want to stand in the way of any of them. Nevertheless, before I conclude, I would be remiss if I did not extend a very sincere thank you to the people who helped plan this wonderful weekend. I know more thanks will be coming later, but I believe you cannot thank people enough for their hard work. Please join me, therefore, in giving the Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, and The Board of Directors, especially my friend **Bob Bradford** for his stellar work with "The Bayonet," a round of applause for putting together this 40th reunion.

I also want to thank all of you here who came to this reunion. Without you all supporting the Alumni Association, the spirit of AMA would not be as strong as it is today.

There is one final thought I would like to leave with you. Frank A. Clark once said, "If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

Through our education and experiences here at AMA, we have discovered that our paths... STILL.... lead to the STARS.



Don Studer had a long, sad ride from Arizona to be at Sergeant Joe's services

The moment **Sergeant Don Studer** got word that his dear friend **Sergeant Joe Josephson** had passed away, he got into his car at the Meteor Crater RV park east of Flagstaff, AZ and began the long, sad drive back to Virginia.

Of course, Don would not have been anywhere else except with Joe's family. After the services in Lexington, Don drove back to Arizona by way of his old home town, Chicago, where he visited some friends, including a fellow who was in the Boy Scouts with him years ago.

With Sergeant Josephson and Sergeant Studer both gone, the need for volunteers is more critical than ever. If you want to honor Sergeant Joe's life, why not volunteer to take his six hour shift at the AMA Museum one day in a month? Six hours is all we ask. 10 AM until 4 PM. If you live within a two hour drive to Fort Defiance, can't you give us six hours out of the 720 hours in a month?

Phil Bradley, '50, flies over path of fatal crash that he alone survived

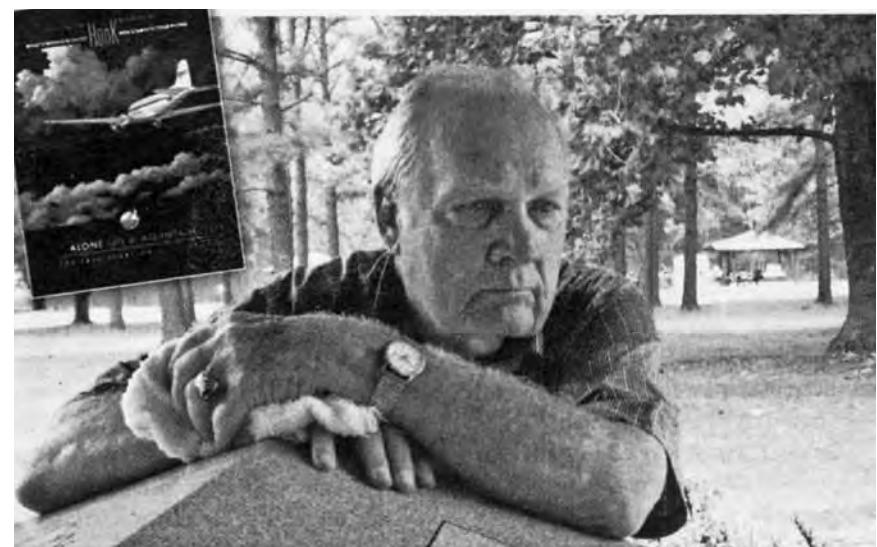
On 4 May, **Phil Bradley, '50**, the sole survivor of an airline crash 50 years ago, boarded a DC-3 at Charlotte Douglas International Airport similar to the one that crashed a half century before. The plane with its vintage Piedmont Airlines colors flew Bradley and other VIPs over the crash site before landing in nearby Charlottesville.

Twenty-six of the 27 people on board on 30 October 1959 were killed when Piedmont Flight 349 crashed on Bucks Elbow Mountain near Crozet. (*Bayonet* Winter 2010, p. 29) An aircraft aficionado from Charlotte and a Lynchburg resident provided \$5,000 to arrange for the 4 May flight on the path that 349 was supposed to have taken on that foggy night on its approach to a landing in Charlottesville.

Bradley, 84, says, *"It brought a lot of deep memories that I hate to think about, frankly."* In Mint Springs Valley Park near the crash site, Bradley has erected a granite memorial and hopes *"someday there will be a highly visible cross there on the mountain."* Bradley has told the story of talking with Jesus as he tumbled through the broken fuselage and somehow lived when everyone else on the plane died.



Above, the DC-3 that flew over crash site. Below, Phil Bradley, '50.



PX and militaria sale set for AMA

Labor Day weekend has been selected for a huge sale on the AMA campus with items from the AMA PX and additional military equipment items.

Event planner **Gerry Arnold, '66**, says that the sale will feature items from World War II through the present day. *"We are looking for donations of appropriate items,"* he says. *"Anyone who has some military item – badges, clothing and the like is asked to contact me at 518/842-7687. All proceeds from the sale will go to AMA and you can take a charitable deduction on your income taxes for items you donate."*

No firearms or ammunition will be in the sale.

The sale will take place next to the AMA Museum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 3-4-5 September from 10 AM until 5 PM all three days.

In addition to militaria, the AMA PX will be having an inventory reduction sale. *"This is an opportunity to get some terrific AMA related items at very special prices,"* says Arnold.

Mark the dates: 3-4-5 September from 10 AM until 5 PM. Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

If you know someone who will contribute some militaria to the sale, please contact Gerry Arnold. Already, we have heard from **Bill Brooks, '62**, who is sending some items.



Above, Tommy Clements, '50, came back to the reunion from Jackson, MS and had dinner with Clyde Ramsey, '49, on Friday evening.



Many thanks to all who helped with Reunion 2010!

It takes lots of work from lots of people to make the reunion a success. If you came to the reunion to enjoy yourself, good for you! Take a moment to look at what these folks did to make your experience a pleasant one.

Jorge Rovirosa, '70, for helping plan and execute his first reunion since becoming President of the AMA Alumni Association... **Jim Atchison, '73**, and his wife **Colleen** for sprucing up the PX offerings and to **Gerry Arnold, '66**, and **Patty, Bob Harris, '54**, and **Dave Conrad, '59**, for their help with the PX at the reunion... The Commonwealth of Virginia Veterans Administrator **Vince Burgess** for his salute to AMA's many wartime veterans... **Julian Quarles, '35**, for his unequalled dedication to AMA... **Colonel Rick Zinser**, Fishburne President, for bringing the Fishburne Cadet Corps to parade on our campus and thanks to Fishburne alumnus **John Maragon** who arranged transportation for the Corps and the Band... **Paul Poluito, '73**, for organizing this year's AMA Open and **Phyllis Poluito** for all of her help... **Tom DelValle, '73**, for the wonderful golf balls, shirts, lotion and other items for the golfers' goody bags. Tom also provided the American Airlines tickets which accounted for more than half of the Silent Auction total... **Phil Bentley, '83**, for agreeing to take the Scholarship Committee Chairmanship and for presenting the AMA Legacy Scholarships at the Awards Banquet... **Doug Carter, '72**, for volunteering to take **Sergeant Joe**'s rotation at the Museum and for covering the museum with **Warren Fleming, '72**, during the reunion... **Crysta Stephenson** who at her first reunion performed so very well... **Luke Snyder, '60**, for arranging Founder's Day and directing the program... **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, for being everywhere at the same time performing countless menial tasks that so often go unnoticed... **Holiday Inn** staff, particularly **Sean and Barbara**... **Reverend Greg and Becky Douglas**, our generous host and hostess for the weekend... **Joe Josephson** for all the preparatory work he did and boy, did we miss him!... **Joyce Zinkhan** for her support of Ben and all the things she does all year long to make the museum so pristine... **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, for his work in getting the gym set up for the Saturday lunch and for meeting and greeting guests at the museum all weekend long... **Al Zayas, '72**, though grounded in Spain because of the volcanic eruption in Iceland, helped to arrange the firing party... **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**, for Casino Night and helping with a thousand things at reunion... **Rod Willey, '51**, for arranging the Thursday reception at the Club at Ironwood, for handling the caterers of the luncheon

on Saturday and for securing a birthday cake for the Alumni Association's 40th birthday... **Lieutenant Colonel Steve Trent, '70**, for wearing his uniform and helping with the Quarles Walk and Roller Society dedications... **Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75**, and **Debby** for attending the reunion to honor **Ozzie Ferro, '53**, and **Bruce Hemp** after only having been stateside for less than a week... **Blaine Clarke, '72**, for leading the salute to Old Glory... **Bud Oakey, '70**, for bugling, securing weapons for the firing party, extending the invitation to Fishburne and inviting important political figures to reunion events... **Victor Gomez, '69**, for taking photos and video of reunion events and helping in the PX... **Linda Livick** for her memorable remarks at Founder's Day... **Anne and Luke Snyder, '60**, for their Silent Auction donation... **Willis Walker, '71**, for help with the Color Guard... the **Staunton Ovation** which marked it's 25th anniversary by providing beautiful music at the Saturday luncheon... **Captain John Butler** for providing the cannon salutes... the **Stonewall Jackson Saxhorn Band** for their performance at Founder's Day... **Sergeant Major Jim Helms** for conducting the Knockout Drill Saturday afternoon.. **Gordon Metz, '68**, for providing liquid refreshments... **Tommy Simmons, '53**, who once again performed his bartender duties flawlessly... **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, for helping with beverages... **Masino's Casino** for putting on a very successful Casino Night... **Mike Kidd, '72**, for his Silent Auction donation... **Roger Messick, '52**, for agreeing to become an AMA Alumni Foundation trustee... **Bruce Hemp** of Fort Defiance High School and **Stuart Hall** for her leadership in the AMA Afghan Kids program and for having the Roller Riders to breakfast Sunday morning before their annual ride... **Ozzie Ferro, '53**, for his support of the Afghan Kids project and for the boxes he sent to General Nicholson's Marines... **Raymond Snapp, '70**, for donating the basketball net from the 1969-70 Championship game... **Manuel Balbis, '53**, for his inspiring and nostalgic message at the Saturday luncheon... **Frank Spencer, '49**, for his service as Chaplain throughout the reunion... **Mary Alice and Jim Councill, '49**, for their help with registration... **Jerry Collincini, '70**, for helping out in the PX... **"Boots" Solan, '43, Elizabeth West** and others who gave their Casino Night winnings to AMA... **Carol and Dave Conrad, '59**, for running the Silent Auction and

covering the registration desk... **Howard Rosenthal, '68**, for almost making the \$10,000 golf shot... **Lillian and Sergio Fernandez, '56**, for doing the annual audit plus bringing desserts for the Hospitality Suite... **Kiki Rovirosa, Bev Williamson, Becky Granger and Nancy Bradford** for their help throughout the reunion... **Ruth Rosenthal (Mrs. Howard, '68)**, for all the wonderful photos she took... **Gaye and Bob Hume, '63**, who once again arranged for the motor-coach for the Friday tour... **Harry Campbell, '70**, for donating to the AMA Museum a general's flag honoring General Nicholson... **Bruce Strange, '72**, for lending his professional photographic expertise... **Coach Bill Ralph** for his inspirational message at the annual Fellowship Breakfast... **Victor Gomez, '69**, for his video recordings of the major events plus many wonderful still pictures... **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, and **Larry Milano (Thiel), '70**, for helping with the parking for Saturday's events at the school... **Vivi and Brian Gautier** for being with us on their sixth wedding anniversary and for Vivi's speech thanking AMA once more for her Legacy Scholarship. Vivi is the daughter of **Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa, '70**... **Mary Plyde Bell** and her son **Parker Ward, Jr.** who came from Huntington, West Virginia to take part in the alumni association's 40th anniversary. **Parker Ward, Sr., '54**, was the first President of the association... **JoJo Josephson** and her family for attending the Sports Hall of Fame luncheon. She is the widow of **Sergeant Joe**... **The Club at Ironwood** for hosting the 2010 AMA Open... **Bruce Crum, '73**, for joining the Roller Society... **Webmaster B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, for taking photos and getting many on our website as soon as he got home in Texas... **Virginia Delegate Steve Landes**, who represents Augusta County in the Virginia General Assembly, for honoring us by attending reunion functions... **Bill McVey, Frank Williamson and Luke Snyder**, all from the Class of 1960, for spearheading the effort for their class to raise \$50,000 for the AMA Alumni Foundation... the **Intermont Military Vehicle Club** for their annual display of military equipment in front of Big Barracks... **Blaine Clarke, '72**, for the work that went into the sporting clays shoot that never took place... **Bill Mariner, '60**, for helping set up tables and chairs in the gym... The Color Guard and Firing Party for helping with the table cloths... **Carnival Cruise Lines** and **Royal Caribbean** for furnishing goody bags... **Collin Atchison** for helping with the PX... **Phyllis Poluito** for decorating the Hospitality Tent and helping with registration... **Jim Atchison** for helping with the golf tournament... and to every single one of you who came to any portion of the reunion – a monumental **THANK YOU** for helping to keep the dream alive.

Former First Captain Messick elected Foundation trustee

Thomas Roger Messick, '52, who flew helicopters on two tours of Vietnam and ended his career as Manager of Flight Operations for General Electric, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Messick was First Captain at AMA, then Regimental Commander of the University of Kentucky ROTC unit. Captain of the swim team at Augusta, Roger set South-eastern Conference 50 and 100 yard freestyle records.

He took a direct commission into the Army and flew helicopters for 14 years including two Vietnam tours. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

After leaving the Army, he became a pilot for Sprague Electronics in Massachusetts, later being appointed Director of Aviation. After three years with Amax in Denver, he finished his career as Manager of Flight Operations for GE. He retired from GE and the Army National Guard in 1995 and at that time was the oldest army aviator on active flying status.

Roger is an avid fly fisherman, hunter and jogger. A native of Salem, VA, he and Jeanne live in Prescott, AZ. They have two children.

At AMA, he was *Ad Astra per Aspera*, captain of the swimming team, played lacrosse, lettered in football (playing for Coach **Jerry Claiborne**), was Vice President of the Student Body, the Final Ball President and Valedictorian.



**Roger Messick,
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A big thank you to John Maragon

We all owe John Maragon a huge "thank you." John is a Fishburne alumnus and supports AMA with equal fervor. He arranged, with a matching grant from Chevron, to hire the buses which brought the entire Fishburne Corps of Cadets to AMA for a Dress Parade during Reunion 2010. Thank you, John!



The video tribute to LTC Hubert Mathews, '27, which is shown visitors to the Normandy Cemetery, was played at the reunion. Above, Colonel Mathews' many awards and medals, among them the nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross. Mathews was killed on D-Day.



Camp Leatherneck flag flies over AMA Museum.

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